

FILE NO. 131177

Petitions and Communications received from November 18, 2013, through December 2, 2013, for reference by the President to Committee considering related matters, or to be ordered filed by the Clerk on December 10, 2013.

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From Controller, submitting Government Barometer - Quarter 1, FY2014. Copy: Each Supervisor. (1)

\*From Wage Theft Task Force, submitting 2013 final report. Copy: Each Supervisor. (2)

From Mayor, designating Supervisor Mark Farrell as Acting-Mayor from November 29, 2013, until December 2, 2013. Copy: Each Supervisor. (3)

From Mayor, designating Supervisor Norman Yee as Acting-Mayor from December 3, 2013, until December 9, 2013. Copy: Each Supervisor. (4)

From John Diamante, regarding park hours legislation. File No. 130766. Copy: Each Supervisor. (5)

From Peter M. Devine, regarding Masonic Avenue cycle track project. File No. 120974. Copy: Each Supervisor. (6)

From Supervisor Scott Wiener, requesting Land Use and Economic Development Committee Reports. File Nos. 131069 and 131119. (7)

From Diane Carpio, regarding Batkid event. Copy: Each Supervisor. (8)

From concerned citizens, regarding parking meters contract. File No. 130940. 18 letters. Copy: Each Supervisor. (9)

From Holly Kaufman, submitting recommendation for Marina Pelosi to the Public Utility Commission's Revenue Bond Oversight Committee. Copy: Each Supervisor. (10)

From Miraloma Park Improvement Club, regarding legislation to legalize illegal units. Copy: Each Supervisor. (11)

From concerned citizens, regarding legislation to impose interim zoning controls to prohibit the issuance of building permits. File No. 131068. 2 letters. Copy: Each Supervisor. (12)

From concerned citizens, regarding accessible parking recommendations. 3 letters. Copy: Each Supervisor. (13)

From Mark Gruberg, regarding electronic taxi access system. Copy: Each Supervisor. (14)

From Elections, submitting Certification of Election results within the City and County of San Francisco. Copy: Each Supervisor. (15)

From Matthew L. Steen, regarding legislation for new shelter services at 2111 Jennings Street. File No. 131034. Copy: Each Supervisor. (16)

From Cesar Ascarrunz, regarding permitting process for local business. Copy: Each Supervisor. (17)

From Library Users Association, regarding gift to San Francisco Public Library. File No. 131071. Copy: Each Supervisor. (18)

From James Chaffee, regarding "Ask the Mayor" flyer. Copy: Each Supervisor. (19)

From California Building Standards Commission, stating determination regarding Ordinances 199-13 and 200-13. (20)

From Neighborhood Emergency Response Team, regarding January 2014 training opportunities. (21)

From James Glanville, regarding Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council Recycling Center. Copy: Each Supervisor. (22)

From Public Utilities Commission, regarding Emergency Declaration from November 18, 2013. Copy: Each Supervisor. (23)

From California Academy of Sciences, submitting audited financial statements. Copy: Each Supervisor. (24)

From Roland Salvato, regarding landmarking the "Sam Wo" building. Copy: Each Supervisor. (25)

From San Francisco Public Library, regarding Grant Budget revision. Copy: Each Supervisor. (26)

\*(An asterisked item represents the cover sheet to a document that exceeds 25 pages. The complete document is available at the Clerk's Office, Room 244, City Hall.)

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**From:** Chapin-Rienzo, Shanda on behalf of Reports, Controller  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 19, 2013 11:52 AM  
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**Subject:** Issued: Controller's Office Government Barometer – Quarter 1, Fiscal Year 2014

The Office of the Controller has issued the Government Barometer: Quarter 1, Fiscal Year 2014. The Government Barometer is published as an interactive website at [sfgovbar.weebly.com](http://sfgovbar.weebly.com). Users can view trends, adjust timelines, and build their own charts using any of the Government and Economic Barometer measures.

The purpose of the Barometer is to share key performance and activity information with the public in order to increase transparency, create dialogue, and build the public's confidence regarding the City's management of public business. The report lists measures in major service areas, such as public safety, health and human services, and streets and public works.

To view the full report, please visit the Government Barometer online tool at: [sfgovbar.weebly.com](http://sfgovbar.weebly.com). The PDF version of the report can be accessed at <http://openbook.sfgov.org/webreports/details3.aspx?id=1637>, or on the Controller's website (<http://www.sfcontroller.org/>) under the News & Events section and on the Citywide Performance Measurement Program website ([www.sfgov.org/controller/performance](http://www.sfgov.org/controller/performance)) under the Performance Reports section.

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**GOVERNMENT BAROMETER: Quarter 1, Fiscal Year 2014**  
**City and County of San Francisco**  
**Office of the Controller**

November 19, 2013

**Summary**

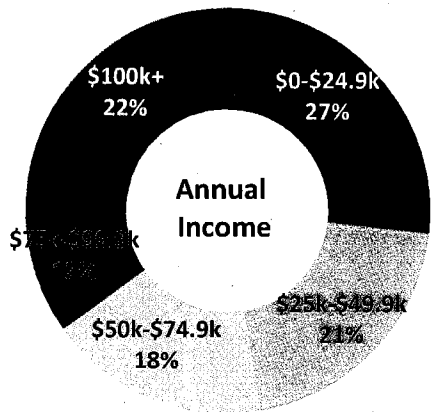
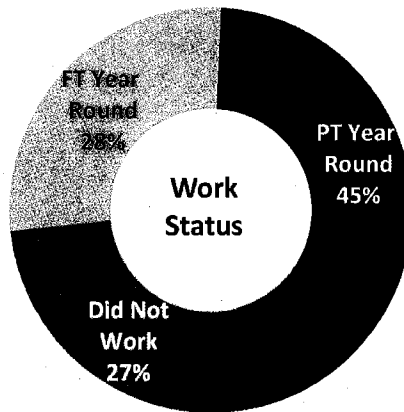
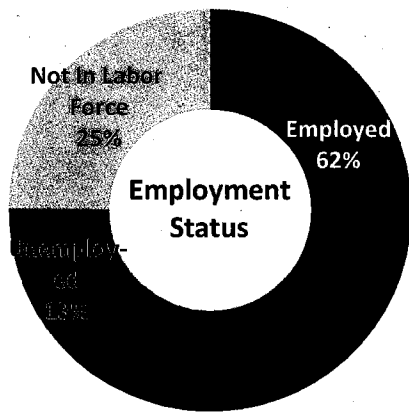
The Office of the Controller's Citywide Performance Measurement Team collects performance data from City departments on a quarterly basis in order to increase transparency, create dialogue, and build the public's confidence regarding the City's management of public business. Measures are listed according to major service areas, such as public safety, health and human services, streets and public works, public transit, recreation, environment, and customer service. Select measures of interest are highlighted below.

**Measure Highlights: Affordable Care Act**

Major provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) become effective in January 2014, requiring that most Americans carry health insurance that meets Minimum Essential Coverage (MEC) requirements. Several options such as the expansion of Medi-Cal and the October 1, 2013 launch of the state health benefit exchange, Covered California, aim to extend coverage to the uninsured.

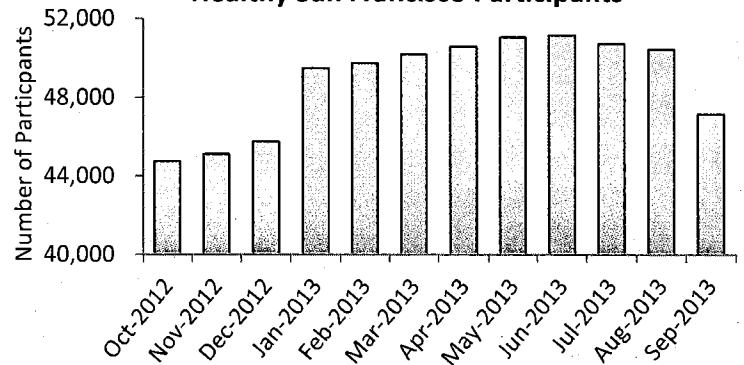
Developing targeted outreach and enrollment strategies at the local level requires an understanding of the number and characteristics of the uninsured in our community. In 2011, an estimated 90,106 San Franciscans did not have health insurance; of this figure, 84,679 individuals were age 18-64. Those earning less than \$25,000 annually, those who work part-time year-round, and those who are unemployed are most likely to be uninsured. The three charts below demonstrate the major characteristics of San Franciscans who are uninsured. Among San Franciscans who do not have insurance, 62% are employed, 45% work part-time all year, and 48% earn less than \$50,000 annually<sup>1</sup>.

**Profiles of San Francisco's Uninsured**



Local implementation of the ACA will have a sizable impact on the Department of Public Health (DPH), which operates the City's health access program Healthy San Francisco (HSF). Beginning January 1, 2014, HSF participants that become eligible for Medi-Cal or financial assistance through Covered California will no longer be eligible for HSF. While the program will continue to operate for low-income San Francisco residents ages 18-64 that are uninsured and ineligible for Medi-Cal or Covered California, its size will decrease markedly as participants transition to insurance.

**Healthy San Francisco Participants**



<sup>1</sup> Source: Data from the U.S. Census Bureau's 2011 American Community Survey as compiled by the Department of Public Health

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Activity or Performance Measure	Rolling Yearly Average	Prior Period Average	Current Period Average	Period-to-Period % Change	Trend	Year-to-Year % Change	Trend
<b>Public Safety</b>							
Total number of serious violent crimes reported (homicide, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault, per 100,000 population)	81.8	79.8	100.1	25.4%		53.2%	
Total number of serious property crimes reported (burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson, per 100,000 population)	463.2	410.1	590.3	44.0%		46.4%	
→ The total number of serious property crimes reported has increased by 44.0% since the previous quarter and 46.4% since the same quarter of the previous year.							
Average daily county jail population	1,485	1,525	1,382	-9.4%		-9.7%	
Total active probationers	5,533	5,476	5,314	-2.9%		-10.3%	
Percentage of 9-1-1 calls answered within 10 seconds	84%	84%	80%	-5.5%		-9.1%	
Average 9-1-1 daily call volume	1,553	1,555	1,640	5.5%		7.9%	
→ The average 9-1-1 daily call volume has increased by 5.5% since the previous quarter and by 7.9% since the same quarter of the previous year.							
Percentage of fire/medical emergency calls responded to within 5 minutes	89.3%	87.6%	88.1%	0.6%		-3.3%	
<b>Health and Human Services</b>							
Average daily population of San Francisco General Hospital	350	348	327	-6.0%		-12.7%	
Average daily population of Laguna Honda Hospital	759	757	766	1.2%		1.1%	
Total number of Healthy San Francisco participants	48,846	50,937	49,441	-2.9%		3.6%	
→ The total number of Healthy San Francisco participants has decreased by 2.9% since the previous quarter. With major provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act becoming effective in January 2014, participation levels may continue to decline as participants transition to insurance.							
Current active CalWORKs caseload	4,416	4,408	4,333	-1.7%		-4.6%	

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Activity or Performance Measure	Rolling Yearly Average	Prior Period Average	Current Period Average	Period-to-Period		Year-to-Year	
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Current active County Adult Assistance Program (CAAP) caseload	6,563	6,556	<b>6,380</b>	-2.7%		-6.5%	
<p>→ The current active County Adult Assistance Program (CAAP) caseload has decreased by 2.7% since the previous quarter and by 6.5% since the same quarter of the previous year.</p>							
Current active Non-Assistance Food Stamps (NAFS) caseload	27,285	27,215	<b>27,162</b>	-0.2%		-2.2%	
Percentage of all available homeless shelter beds used	96%	95%	<b>96%</b>	0.7%		-0.7%	
Average nightly homeless shelter bed use	1,100	1,086	<b>1,139</b>	4.9%		4.0%	
Total number of children in foster care	1,077	1,067	<b>1,051</b>	-1.6%		-4.1%	

**Streets and Public Works**

Volume of graffiti (public)	744	813	<b>684</b>	-15.9%		-28.2%	
Volume of graffiti (private)	1,324	1,325	<b>1,375</b>	3.8%		38.7%	

→ The volume of graffiti has increased by 38.7% since the same quarter of the previous year. This increase is largely attributable to the volume graffiti identified by DPW's Graffiti Unit, as the volume of calls received from the public remain unchanged.

Volume of street cleaning requests	5,253	5,950	<b>3,558</b>	-40.2%		-39.3%	
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→ The volume of street cleaning requests has decreased by 40.2% since the previous quarter and by 39.3% since the same quarter of the previous year. DPW recently entered into a new Recology contract, shifting responsibility for illegal dumping from DPW to Recology. DPW is working with 311 and Recology to ensure that 311 Call Center operators correctly route requests from the public to the appropriate agency.

Percentage of street cleaning requests responded to within 48 hours	92.0%	87.9%	<b>96.1%</b>	9.3%		16.5%	
Percentage of graffiti requests on public property responded to within 48 hours	97.1%	99.4%	<b>99.5%</b>	0.1%		3.0%	

**Public Transit**

Percentage of Muni buses and trains that adhere to posted schedules	59.7%	60.4%	<b>59.9%</b>	-0.9%		5.3%	
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Average daily number of Muni customer complaints regarding safety, negligence, discourtesy, and service delivery	39.3	35.2	43.1	22.5%		-10.2%	
<b>Recreation, Arts, and Culture</b>							
Average score of parks inspected using park maintenance standards	91.7%	91.5%	91.6%	0.2%		0.4%	
Total number of individuals currently registered in recreation courses	10,990	10,868	12,895	18.7%		8.0%	
Total number of park facility (picnic tables, sites, recreation facilities, fields, etc.) bookings	6,365	7,772	6,683	-14.0%		6.7%	
<p>→ The total number of park facility bookings has decreased by 14.0% since the previous quarter. This trend is consistent with the seasonal pattern of facility bookings, which are affected by the weather and the school calendar.</p>							
Total number of visitors at public fine art museums (Asian Art Museum, Legion of Honor, and de Young)	163,871	189,784	169,129	-10.9%		17.6%	
Total circulation of materials at main and branch libraries	927,133	946,439	949,099	0.3%		-2.2%	
<b>Environment, Energy, and Utilities</b>							
Average monthly energy usage per SFPUC street light (kilowatt hours)	56.5	63.1	43.9	-30.5%		-14.1%	
<p>→ Average monthly energy usage per SFPUC street light (kilowatt hours) has decreased by 30.5% since the previous quarter and by 14.1% since the same quarter of the previous year.</p>							
Per capita water sold to San Francisco residential customers (gallons per capita per day)	49.6	48.9	50.4	3.1%		-0.3%	
Average monthly water use by City departments (in millions of gallons)	138.8	138.1	148.4	7.5%		15.9%	
<p>→ Average monthly water use by City departments has increased by 7.5% since the previous quarter and by 15.9% since the same quarter of the previous year.</p>							
Average monthly energy usage by City departments (in million kilowatt hours)	72.2	72.4	72.9	0.7%		1.1%	
Average workday tons of trash going to primary landfill	1392.2	1378.7	1434.3	4.0%		-0.3%	
Percentage of curbside refuse diverted from landfill	58.9%	59.1%	58.7%	-0.7%		-2.0%	

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Activity or Performance Measure	Rolling	Prior	Current	Period-to-Period		Year-to-Year	
	Yearly	Period	Period	% Change	Trend	% Change	Trend
Average	Average	Average	Average				
<b>Permitting and Inspection</b>							
Value (estimated cost, in millions) of construction projects for which new building permits were issued	\$183.5	\$264.7	\$371.0	40.1%		63.2%	
<p>→ The estimated volume of construction projects for which new building permits were issued has increased by 40.1% since the previous quarter and by 63.2% since the same quarter of the previous year. These large changes are due to the volatile nature and size of construction projects.</p>							
Percentage of all building permits involving new construction and major alterations review that are approved or disapproved within 90 days	60%	57%	66%	15.8%		-0.5%	
Percentage of categorical exemptions (California Environmental Quality Act) reviewed within 45 days	80%	84%	70%	-16.3%		-13.9%	
Percentage of life hazard or lack of heat complaints responded to within one business day	92%	83%	93%	11.6%		-7.3%	
Percentage of customer-requested construction permit inspections completed within two business days of requested date	97%	97%	96%	-1.1%		-1.6%	
<b>Customer Service</b>							
Average daily number of 311 contacts, across all contact channels	5,436	5,452	5,348	-1.9%		-5.6%	
Percentage of 311 calls answered by call takers within 60 seconds	72%	66%	71%	7.2%		0.3%	
<p>→ The percentage of 311 answered by call takers within 60 seconds has increased by 7.2% since the previous quarter. The increase in service level is due to the decrease in call volumes.</p>							

**Notes:**  
 Beginning in July 2012, the Government Barometer will be issued four times a year. Each report will include new data from the prior three months.  
 The Rolling Yearly Average is the average of monthly values for the most recent month and 11 months prior (e.g., the average of October 2012 to September 2013).  
 The Prior Period Average value reflects the average of the three months prior to the Current Period (e.g. for the September 2013 report: April, May, June).  
 The year-to-year change reflects the change since the same period last year (e.g., July-September 2013 compared to July-September 2012).  
 Trend lines are made up of monthly data provided by departments. The scale of the trend lines can give the appearance of major changes to small fluctuations.  
 For additional detail on measure definitions and department information, please review the Government Barometer Measure Details at <http://sfgovbar.weebly.com/>.  
 Values for prior periods (e.g. January-March 2013) may be revised in this report relative to their original publication.

To prepare this report, the Citywide Performance Measurement Program has used performance data supplied by City Departments. The Departments are responsible for ensuring that such performance data is accurate and complete. Although the Citywide Performance Measurement Program has reviewed the data for overall reasonableness and consistency, the Program has not audited the data provided by the Departments.



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CITY SERVICES AUDITOR**

The City Services Auditor was created within the Controller's Office through an amendment to the City Charter that was approved by voters in November 2003. Under Appendix F to the City Charter, the City Services Auditor has broad authority for:

- Reporting on the level and effectiveness of San Francisco's public services and benchmarking the city to other public agencies and jurisdictions.
- Conducting financial and performance audits of city departments, contractors, and functions to assess efficiency and effectiveness of processes and services.
- Operating a whistleblower hotline and website and investigating reports of waste, fraud, and abuse of city resources.
- Ensuring the financial integrity and improving the overall performance and efficiency of city government.

**About the Government Barometer:**

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For more information, please contact the Office of the Controller, City Services Auditor Division.

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**To:** BOS-Supervisors; BOS-Legislative Aides  
**Subject:** Wage Theft Task Force Final Report  
**Attachments:** Wage Theft Task Force Cover Letter.pdf; Wage Theft Task Force Final Report.pdf

**From:** charlotte@workplacejustice.org [mailto:charlotte@workplacejustice.org]

**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2013 9:19 AM

**To:** Calvillo, Angela

**Subject:** Wage Theft Task Force Final Report

Dear Ms. Calvillo,

Attached is the Wage Theft Task Force's final report. Per file 120431, the report should be distributed to the members of the Board of Supervisors. Please forward this electronic copy of the report to the Board members and their Legislative Aides.

Many thanks,

Charlotte

Co-chair, Wage Theft Task Force

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Charlotte Noss

**Workplace Justice Initiative**

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November 15, 2013

Honorable Board of Supervisors  
City Hall, Room 244  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Attention: Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board

Re: Wage Theft Task Force Recommendations

The Wage Theft Task Force is pleased to submit the attached report with recommendations pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code Sections 5.260-3. The Task Force considered input and evidence from experts and other government agencies on the crisis of wage theft and developed recommendations for understanding and addressing the crisis. The report includes background on the problem of wage theft, current strategies to address the problem, challenges to combating the problem, and recommendations for preventing and remedying wage theft in San Francisco.

The Task Force welcomes the opportunity to address further questions or concerns the Board may have about this report. For additional information, please contact Wage Theft Task Force Co-Chair Charlotte Noss at (415) 580-1464 or [charlotte@workplacejustice.org](mailto:charlotte@workplacejustice.org) or Co-Chair Donna Levitt at [donna.levitt@sfgov.org](mailto:donna.levitt@sfgov.org) or 415-554-6239.

Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Respectfully submitted,

Handwritten signature of Donna Levitt in cursive.

Donna Levitt  
Co-Chair  
Wage Theft Task Force

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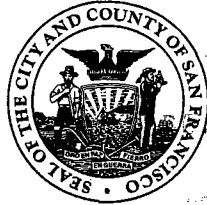


SAN FRANCISCO  
WAGE THEFT  
TASK FORCE  
FINAL REPORT

2013

*The Wage Theft Task Force developed recommendations for understanding and addressing the crisis of wage theft in San Francisco. The report details background, challenges to combating the problem, and recommendations for preventing and remedying wage theft in San Francisco.*

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November 27, 2013

Ms. Angela Calvillo  
San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear Ms. Calvillo,

Pursuant to Charter Section 3.100, I hereby designate Supervisor Mark Farrell as Acting-Mayor from the time I leave the State of California on Friday, November 29, 2013 at 3:45 p.m., until Monday, December 2 at 11:59 p.m.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Edwin M. Lee".

Edwin M. Lee  
Mayor

cc: Mr. Dennis Herrera, City Attorney  
All Members, Board of Supervisors

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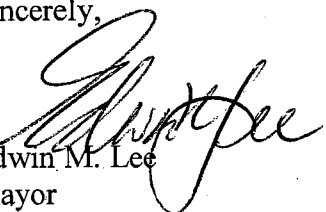
Ms. Angela Calvillo  
San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear Ms. Calvillo,

Pursuant to Charter Section 3.100, I hereby designate Supervisor Norman Yee as Acting-Mayor from Tuesday, December 3, 2013 at 12:00 a.m., until I return on Monday, December 9 at 10:00 p.m.

In the event I am delayed, I designate Supervisor Yee to continue to be the Acting-Mayor until my return to California.

Sincerely,

  
Edwin M. Lee  
Mayor

cc: Mr. Dennis Herrera, City Attorney  
All Members, Board of Supervisors

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**From:** Board of Supervisors  
**To:** Miller, Alisa  
**Subject:** File 130766: Legal outlook, parks closure legislation?

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**From:** John Diamante [mailto:ecdt44@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 19, 2013 10:25 AM  
**To:** Lee, Mayor; Dufty, Bevan  
**Cc:** COH, Jennifer Friedenbach, Dir; Avalos, John; Breed, London; Chiu, David; Cohen, Malia; Campos, David; Farrell, Mark; Kim, Jane; Tang, Katy; scott.weiner@sfgov.org; Yee, Norman (BOS); Mar, Eric (BOS); lmalatorre@cohsf.org; Board of Supervisors; wrap@wraphome.org; San Francisco Information Clearinghouse; Diane Carpio; Jim Nemerovski  
**Subject:** Legal outlook, parks closure legislation?

City of St Francis  
2013

November 19,

Dear Mayor Lee:

This legislation if passed shouldn't survive expedited adjudication, in which case it stains the careers of all who would buy into its sham expediency, mean-spirited thrust and *profound attempted theft of citizen rights and our civic commons--* abridgement of liberty to enjoy and use a park anytime.

This is not a trivial matter of trying to clean up underachievement of parks management with some silver bullet of cheap, ass-covering, faux draconian legislative fix.

Weiner's legislation gravely misreads the American spirit, heritage (legacy of law) of the United States and the unique character of the City.

It is beneath the dignity and respect of the office of the Mayor, and spotlights--in an enduring, permanent career light--common sense, management smarts and compassion of individual members of the Board.

Sincerely,  
John Diamante (Alamo Square; Financial District)  
202.203 9100 voice msg, 392 3111  
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cc: Coalition on Homelessness  
Supervisors

The Hon Edwin Lee  
Office of the Mayor  
City & County of San Francisco

*Good things happen in parks at night!*

"Nothing good happens in a darkened park landscape at night."

--Recreation & Parks General Manager Phil Ginsburg, "Park Opening Hours" to the Board, Nov. 3rd.

But--

A woman runs or trains before leaving for an early SFO flight.

A father and child observe a special transit with their telescope.

An Ellis Act evictee or otherwise homeless person finds some sleep in a danger-, clamor- and traffic-free, leafy or ivy bed instead of on icy concrete, or in someone's doorway.

Glow-in-the-Dark-Frisbee game makes its light use of a forest-buffered field or meadow.

Sterling, park-savvy Ranger or PD night foot patrols let lie harmless sleeping victims (e.g., of homelessness); but quietly efficiently roust or arrest park abusers or disturbers of the peace.

A lover, or a (firearm-owning) dissed or sacked employee walks off a heartbreak, resentment or rage and finds peace and inspiration for deciding to go forward positively with life.

At a Crime Scene adequately Noticed in Legal advertising, off-the-shelf night cams, configured ad hoc by energetic, resourceful, imaginative park personnel, capture and, hence, will furnish incontrovertible identification



and evidence leading to arrest and conviction of some (repeat) thieves, materials strippers, vandals, dumpers, burglars or defacers of or in park property.

A citizen takes a wee-hours stroll enjoying Nature...composing music, code, thought or prayer....

On-the-ball, PD or Ranger routine night patrol, deployed by proficient commanders, apprehends a dumper, vandal, thief, exhibitionist, drug user, drinker, suspicious and/or armed furtive or lurker, or person apparently hiding or positioned for the purpose of ambushing a walker or runner.

Night owl or sleepless takes her/his dog for long restorative walk.

Elder persons, couple or friends scheduled for work or travel at dawn conduct *tai chi* exercises.

*κ What kind of City and freedom do we wish to live in, share, and bequeath tomorrow? □*

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**From:** Board of Supervisors  
**To:** BOS-Supervisors; Miller, Alisa  
**Subject:** File 120974: Do Not Make Masonic Blvd Dangerous

-----Original Message-----

From: pdevine [mailto:pdevine@siprep.org]  
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2013 9:16 PM  
To: ed.reiskin@sfmta.com  
Cc: Farrell, Mark; Chiu, David; Lee, Mayor; Yee, Norman (BOS); Board of Supervisors; mtaboard@sfmta.com; devinepete@comcast.net  
Subject: Do Not Make Masonic Blvd Dangerous

The proposal to reduce Masonic Blvd from six lanes to two lanes north-south and to eliminate parking on Masonic from Fell to Geary streets is not just wasteful, it is incredibly dangerous. Have any of you ever had need of the Fire Department? An Ambulance? Sat behind a Muni Bus taking on passengers but clogging up the only lane?

This plan will make Masonic as congested as downtown Union Square traffic. Good luck when there is an earthquake or major fire because relief will not be able to get through.

First, Masonic is the only multi-lane cross over street for ambulances and fire trucks between UCSF, St Mary's, Kaiser and CPMC on California (as well as Webster and the new CPMC to be built on Van Ness). This will seriously impact safety in the area. There will be no way for an automobile to pull over to allow emergency vehicles to move quickly and safely. There has to be two lanes of traffic in each direction for automobiles to pull over for emergency vehicles to have the right of way. That will not be possible in this plan.

Second, with the impact of USF, especially when the campus hosts major basketball events, and with the new Target City Center stores, and with Trader Joe's on the other side of Geary, the area is already traffic and parking challenged. Why have Masonic go from 4 lanes on the north side of Geary to 2 lanes on the south side – it will create a monumental bottleneck right at the densest area where Target, Kaiser and USF collide. Removing all of the parking lanes will exacerbate the parking problem.

Further, for the safety of bicyclists, It makes more sense to have the bike lanes from the panhandle on Baker Street which has less north-south automobile traffic.

Third, this plan is reminiscent of the Balboa Street disaster of the 1990s – when traffic islands were built in the middle of the street and two lanes were removed, one in each direction. Further, someone had the less than brilliant idea to curve the lanes around the barricades. The number of accidents tripled. One had to drive drunk to negotiate the barriers! A year later the barriers were removed after neighborhood protests. Both projects wasted millions of dollars – the construction and the removal both totaled several millions of dollars. The City has far better, and more important uses for millions of dollars.

City Hall cannot encourage population growth with new hospitals, new stores, and more housing units for the Tech works – and then reduce parking and traffic lanes. Even the large vans to Silicon Valley won't be able to move!

And the expectation that elder citizens – and many residents are older in this part of town – will ride bicycles is ludicrous, especially elderly Chinese. The expectation that MUNI will

pick up the extra load won't happen because the 38 Geary is already maxed out, and it is no longer a safe bus route (crime is way up on that line). One cannot get a seat on the way downtown most hours of the working day.

This proposal is one of the most wasteful projects I have seen in my many years as a San Francisco resident. Why not use the funds to help the homeless? To clean up the dirt downtown, the blight on our City?

Every neighborhood association in the area has protested. Why not listen?

Finally, we have serious homeless problems – shouldn't money be spent on the needy citizens before foolish and unnecessary projects drain the coffers?

Sincerely,

Peter M. Devine  
5th Generation San Franciscan

Member, Board of Supervisors  
District 8



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DATE: November 20, 2013

TO: Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Supervisor Scott Wiener  
Chairperson

RE: Land Use and Economic Development Committee  
COMMITTEE REPORT

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**131069 Construction Approval - West Garden Cafe Project - Academy of Sciences in Golden Gate Park**

Resolution approving the construction of a cafe in the West Garden of the Academy of Sciences in Golden Gate Park pursuant to Charter, Section 4.113; adopting findings pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act; and adopting findings of consistency with the Golden Gate Park Master Plan, the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1.

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**131119      Transportation Code - Inoperable/Broken Parking Meter Time Limits**

Ordinance amending the Transportation Code, Division I, to clarify the definition for "Parking Meter" to include electronic pay stations, and change the time limit for parking at inoperable or broken parking meters, from two hours to the maximum time permitted for the parking meter; and making environmental findings.

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**From:** Board of Supervisors  
**To:** BOS-Supervisors  
**Subject:** The Batkid Event

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**From:** carpihole@aol.com [mailto:carpihole@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 25, 2013 9:36 AM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors; Lee, Mayor  
**Subject:** The Batkid Event

Thank you Supervisor Mar, for being the only person brave enough to publicly articulate the deep concern of the hypocrisy demonstrated by this City and its purported values as far as shutting down certain parts of the city for a boy who beat cancer, and whose home town apparently recognized that this wish could lead to iniquities amongst its own residents.

In various blogs and periodicals, I feel you were unfairly targeted for standing up for the sick and poor of the City that you represent, so please know you are not alone with this perspective. City tax dollars in the form of services and further hardships to residents who had to navigate the closure of city streets— possibly those who were forced out of their normal route to obtain medical treatment for their own ailments – and certainly neighbors and businesses who were negatively impacted by this event, as well as overreaching participation, lending precedence to the actual role of City government in supporting propaganda and contributing to the imminent exploitation and harm of a minor child for the Batkid event – an event which was more suited for Disneyland or Great America – which were not a consideration of this spectacle....a growing trend with City leaders.

Though I certainly do not want to take away from the little boy and his family, as they had been through a lot (some could argue more, some could argue less than many residents of our City), it begs the question of what we as a society are teaching our children.....

This unthoughtful skit simply reinforced that if you look different (like the penguin) or are dressed differently (like the riddler), you are a bad guy. A more realistic villain for Batkid would have been those wearing \$5,000 suits, whose philosophies are that it is “easier to ask for forgiveness than permission”. Perhaps putting certain corporate CEOs and City representatives in a suit with dollar signs instead of question marks would have lent a more realistic vision of the truly dangerous people in this City, especially those who tout million dollar salaries for leading a “not-for-profit” corporation.

There should have been a trip to Golden Gate Park, as there are plenty of damsels in distress there. Perhaps a trip to the Techshop with the Mayor to print up some affordable housing would have been a more appropriate story line. It would be interesting to know if Batkid took a nap in the Lamborghini... ..and if so, was he given a ticket for this? I was very surprised that a trip to a San Francisco Cancer ward (if there is one) was not on the agenda, to visit children in our own town to lend those fighting the same battles he fought a batkid outfit and in turn, some hope.... But these and other truly good deeds were glaringly absent.

Most concerning with this over the top exploitation of a child could be construed as a publicity stunt to raise revenues for the Make a Wish Foundation and add yet another plug for the Mayor’s personal video library of his press conferences – documenting ill-conceived accomplishments that seem to have growing unintended consequences for the majority, where the few continue to gain.

Of course we all want our children to have great things, however shutting down a City solely to act out a play with zero merit or family/community value does not lend inspiration to me. It demonstrates just how

irresponsible this City and people have become. It concerns me greatly that the parents did not see or understand the pressure that their child would be under to perform... where his privacy has been and will continue to be violated as future interviews and demands for comments will be imposed on this little boy in efforts to provide "news" and promote advertising for Make a Wish and others who want a piece of the new Batkid empire. This is not something that will benefit his health and well-being for life, as the trade-off for a day of spoils may not even be what he wanted. He wanted to be Batman, in his own words, "to save the world". Well Batkid, later in your life when you question the good that came out of your day, please know that this macabre jubilee has served to open up a dialog that was long needed in this City....a dialog of gross misuse and mismanagement and purpose of City services and funds, the impact of propaganda under the guise of humanity, and the collateral damage as a result of the masses being ignored because some feel it is okay to exploit a child's privacy, where their vision of your dream was used for profit.

Though it was a great exhibition of how San Francisco can come together, it was shameful that these efforts of collaboration did not emotionally benefit not even one of its own residents *in need*.

Shame on Make-A-Wish for using a child that has been through the ringer as a tool to promote themselves.

I pray for the parents of this little boy, to have the strength to protect him from the people that will no doubt show up at their house unannounced or worse, at the hospital – at a most vulnerable time if his cancer returns - under the guise and belief that they have a right to invade his personal space because Batkid stories sell.

We all make mistakes, and that is how we learn. These mistakes have been made before and that is why laws and divisions of government business have been drawn. Though I am always supportive of doing good things, especially for those who have had trials and tragedies in their lives, it seems that a more intimate celebration of his personal triumphs with children his own age in a setting that is more conducive to play out his wish would have been more appropriate for a five year old. Forcing adult agendas on children and their families is a heinous crime.

It is easy for those who support this event to criticize those who have the ability to look beyond the one day event into the long term ramifications that this family will undoubtedly experience, as well as the ability to empathize with the thousands of residents who may feel resentful that San Francisco has not made an effort to support them the way they did this boy from another town.

Stay strong Miles. Never blame yourself for this epic failure and example of how abuse of power – no matter how good the intent – can lead to more damage than good if personal gain (the Mayor's Legacy) or making money (the Batkid trademark) are any part of the equation.

Thank you for speaking up, Supervisor Mar.

Sincerely,

Diane Carpio

The Red-Headed Stepchild of the City of San Francisco

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**From:** Board of Supervisors  
**To:** BOS-Supervisors; Young, Victor  
**Subject:** File 130940: SFMTA Meter Purchase Plan: NO!

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**From:** cleshne@gmail.com [mailto:cleshne@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 25, 2013 11:00 AM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors; Cohen, Malia  
**Subject:** SFMTA Meter Purchase Plan: NO!

Supervisors:

I understand tomorrow you will vote on a contract for SFMTA meter purchases, and that the agency will offer enhanced notice requirements of meter installation projects, as a safeguard for residents and the community.

The new requirements are not at all sufficient. Let me briefly explain why. I think you'll be shocked, and agree not to approve this contract right now.

I, and over 100 other residents of 888 7th St, have worked to establish an RPP zone - and prevent meters - around our homes. We submitted our RPP application in 2012. We were immediately told it would remain on hold, until the Finance division finalizes the Potrero parking management plan. (This seems to be an improper hold which violates procedures in the Transportation Code for review of RPP applications.)

It is quite an effort for residents to file an RPP, so you might understand my dismay at this:  
*I just learned that SFMTA Finance had already designated - and got legislated - our streets for meters, back in 2011!*

Not one person - from over 100 units - saw any postings at the time or were ever aware of any hearings. I am the first to learn of the meter approvals, only a couple of days ago. And even though I initially wrote directly to Jay Primus in the Finance division about our RPP effort, he didn't bother to mention it. (Has the Finance Division lost track of all the streets they are rushing to meter?)

SFMTA's new procedures - community meetings, etc - are of no use without improvement to other elements of their inadequate noticing.

Supervisors, we've all seen the large white placards that get placed on meters for the temporary closure of a few parking spaces. Why does a temporary closure require far more visible - and effective - signage than SFMTA projects that permanently and significantly affect whole neighborhoods?

Thank you for your attention,

Carla Leshne  
888 Seventh Street



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**From:** Board of Supervisors  
**To:** BOS-Supervisors  
**Subject:** Writing in opposition to parking meters on 7th st. and King st.

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**From:** paul@motojava.com [mailto:paul@motojava.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 25, 2013 11:42 AM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors  
**Subject:** Writing in opposition to parking meters on 7th st. and King st.

I live at 7th st and King St. There are 224 residential units at that address. The people in this building count on street parking to be available. We also all vote. There are no businesses to speak of near 7th and King that require meters.

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**From:** Board of Supervisors  
**To:** BOS-Supervisors; Young, Victor  
**Subject:** File 130940 - SFMTA Meter Purchase Plan: NO!

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**From:** carine risley [mailto:paraleipsis@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 25, 2013 11:49 AM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors  
**Subject:** SFMTA Meter Purchase Plan: NO!

Hello--Please do not place meters in the area surrounding 888th Street--King, Berry, 7th, De Haro. Our building takes the entire block and houses more than 300 families--many with below market rate units because we could not afford to live in our city otherwise. We live in an area that is transitioning but is still geared to day workers--the planning does not take into account that the neighborhood now has residences. It is so extraordinarily difficult for families to live in San Francisco please do not make it harder for us. I have a 2 year old and there are many, many young families in the building. A change like the one proposed would inflict undue hardship on us.

It is very difficult to walk blocks and blocks and blocks with young babies, toddlers, and even older children. Nearby, people rent their garage spots for over \$300 a month, something Twitter and other tech workers can afford but something very difficult to entertain when trying to pay for enrichment opportunities for your child in the most important early years of life. We have no neighborhood parking designation and that is really such a shame. Please make a decision that supports working families and do not install additional meters in the neighborhood of the bottom of Potrero Hill/showplace square. Many of us need cars to support our families.

Thank you for considering.

With respect,  
Carine Risley, Alejandro Gallegos and our child, Agathe (age 2)  
888 7th Street Unit 41  
San Francisco CA 94107

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**From:** Board of Supervisors  
**To:** BOS-Supervisors  
**Subject:** Oppose to Parking Meters on 7th and King

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**From:** Adrianna [mailto:acgalletta@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 25, 2013 11:50 AM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors  
**Subject:** Oppose to Parking Meters on 7th and King

Hi,

I am one of the residents at 888 7th Street and I oppose to parking meters being installed in that area. There are residents, who are occupying the building full time and will, therefore, need to park their car for an extended period of time. Not every resident could afford purchasing garage parking or renting space. This is unfair to them, as parking is a necessity in an area where public transit is a rare and infrequent commodity.

I oppose to installing parking meters as it is already difficult to park in that area.

Thanks,

Adrianna

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**From:** Board of Supervisors  
**To:** BOS-Supervisors  
**Subject:** File 130940: SFMTA Meter Purchase Plan: at 7th and Kind St NO!

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**From:** Simon Li [mailto:maill2@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 25, 2013 12:25 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors  
**Subject:** SFMTA Meter Purchase Plan: at 7th and Kind St NO!

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**From:** Board of Supervisors  
**To:** BOS-Supervisors; Young, Victor  
**Subject:** Opposition to King and 7th Street meters, not enough public transportation available at night

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**From:** Paul Cruz [mailto:pscruz@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 25, 2013 12:56 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors  
**Subject:** Opposition to King and 7th Street meters, not enough public transportation available at night

SF Board of Supervisors:

As a resident of 888 7th Street and having lived in the area of 5+ years, I am opposed to installing meters along 7th Street and King St.

888 7th Street has a size-able family and senior citizen population with 200+ units in the building. We will be greatly affected with transportation options by installing meters in this area.

The issues with public transportation has yet to be resolved. This includes:

- 1) Limited hours of bus routes. For example the 10 Townsend ends about 7:30pm each day.
- 2) No option for residential permit parking. With large families and limited public transportation accessibility, many students, parents, and seniors in a homes may be unable rely on only 1 vehicle because of the lack of close transportation options.
- 3) Little notification or feedback to the surrounding residential communities. There was little if any notification to attempt to contact or receive feedback on the impact of local communities in the area when legislation was passed to install meters in this area.
- 4) Meters traditionally free up parking spaces to people willing to pay for the parking. This would be understandable in areas like ATT park, or union square, but 7th street is not a crowded tourist destination its mostly residential and industrial. Parking is currently widely and easily available around 7th Street. In fact many of these buildings are still industrial. Adding meters in these areas appear more like making money than managing parking. Ultimately the residents in the area will be the victims.
- 5) Safety of walking and commuting at night. For those that can walk the 4+ blocks to and from the N Muni at night the pathway is usually littered with transients and squatters. The area such as Townsend or even 7th and King is dimly lit with lots of trash everywhere and unruly individuals who are taking apart bikes or tearing apart trash bags. I would not want my 14 year old child walking there at night, because there are no buses or extended rail line. The 7th/ King area is far from being safe and secure for children and seniors.

Without the available all-day public transportation and the large 200+ unit family and senior community, it would sound unreasonable to install parking meters in the 7th and King St area at this point. Lack of community involvement and failing to enact a residential parking permit, will help create vehement opposition to the meters and those city employees who will ultimately make this decision.

Sincerely,

Paul Cruz  
888 7th Street  
San Francisco, CA 94107

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**From:** Board of Supervisors  
**To:** BOS-Supervisors  
**Subject:** meters on 7th and king streets in San francisco

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**From:** jessica johnson [mailto:jjohnsonctr@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 25, 2013 1:01 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors  
**Subject:** meters on 7th and king streets in San francisco

Hello.

I am one of 400 residents at the 888 7th street condo property. I am very concerned about meters being installed on king and 7th streets. There is already limited parking for residents who have purchased a condo at this address. unfortunately due to the high tech industry in the area, all of the surrounding street parking is being taken by tech industry people who work in this area.

I think it is extremely disadvantageous for us residents who already have a difficult time finding parking. the addition of extra meters on King street and 7th street will make it essentially impossible to find parking. please keep in mind that many of the residents at 888 7th street are below market rate owners who do not have parking spots, nor can afford monthly parking in the surrounding area.

I urge the city planning commission to NOT install additional parking meters in the surrounding area of 888 7th street.

I also believe there are residents on the HOA board who also support this message and have tried very hard in the past to be vocal on this issue.

sincerely,  
Jessica Johnson  
Resident 888 7Th street.

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**From:** Board of Supervisors  
**To:** BOS-Supervisors  
**Subject:** Parking Meters on King and 7th

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**From:** Hyung Lee [mailto:diesel74@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 25, 2013 1:36 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors  
**Cc:** Deborah Kim  
**Subject:** Parking Meters on King and 7th

Hello,

I'm a resident of 888 7th St. and I'm writing to express my opposition to the planned installation of meters on 7th street and King street. As a resident there, despite not requiring street parking for my personal vehicle, metered parking on those streets would have a significant impact on the other residents in the area as well as the business that operate there.

One of the attractions and benefits of the area is that there is actual street parking for many of the small businesses that have decided to move in there. All the new small business commerce has been excellent for the neighborhood and we hope you will see that and not install meters.

Hyung Lee and Deborah Kim

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**From:** Board of Supervisors  
**To:** BOS-Supervisors  
**Subject:** We opose meters install around our building.

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**From:** Alan Hu [mailto:[alanxhu@yahoo.com](mailto:alanxhu@yahoo.com)]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 25, 2013 2:09 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors  
**Subject:** We opose meters install around our building.

Dear Supervisors

Our building at 888 7th Street is affordable housing project. Most of families have only one parking space. And all of us are families have multiple cars. There never enough parking spaces. We have to park in the street when we are out to work. There is no way we can feed your meters days & nights. We can't afford to do so anyway. Please consider our hardship and stop the meter installing.

Thank you.

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android



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**From:** :) [gumby5@att.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2013 9:45 AM  
**To:** Farrell, Mark  
**Cc:** Stefani, Catherine; Kelly, Margaux; Montejano, Jess; Avalos, John; Campos, David; Cohen, Malia; Breed, London; Chiu, David; Mar, Eric (BOS); Kim, Jane; Tang, Katy; Wiener, Scott; Yee, Norman (BOS); Board of Supervisors; ed.reiskin@sfmta.com  
**Subject:** Jordan Park Improvement Association's Position on SFMTA's Parking Meter Installations  
**Attachments:** JPIA-SFMTA's Parking Meter Project.docx

Dear Supervisor Farrell,  
Please read (attached and copied herein) JPIA's position on SFMTA's new plan to install parking meters. We do not want parking devices on our streets.

Dear Board of Supervisors:  
Some of your constituents may have communicated with you their displeasure in SFMTA's planned rollout of many parking meters in their neighborhoods. As you contemplate your decision on approving this parking meter project, please take into consideration certain areas of town where there has been strong objections to the proposed activity. This plan is not ready for approval during your November 26, 2013 meeting. In future meetings, JPIA holds its position on no meters on its streets.  
Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Rose Hillson  
JPIA  
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November 20, 2013

Supervisor Mark Farrell  
City Hall  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244  
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Dear Supervisor Mark Farrell:

**SUBJECT:** Oppose Parking Meter Installations in Jordan Park

It has recently come to the attention of the Jordan Park Improvement Association (JPIA) Board that SFMTA is planning to purchase thousands of meters to go into all variety of neighborhoods in San Francisco. Apparently, the entire Board of Supervisors is scheduled to make a decision on this parking meter installation project on the Tuesday prior to Thanksgiving Day and most people have taken off even this week.

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JPIA sits between two major streets (Geary and California) with several businesses and major institutions nearby. Changes on even these streets with parking meters will impact our existing 2-hour Residential Parking from excess demand due to drivers who are not willing to pay a red cent for parking and will overwhelm JPIA's 2-hour streets. None of JPIA's residents want to be staring out their windows at parking meters and other parking contraptions that could be installed. Jordan Park has always kept these intrusions out to maintain its wonderful family-friendly neighborhood character.

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Jordan Park Improvement Association Board

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**From:** Board of Supervisors  
**To:** BOS-Supervisors  
**Subject:** Parking meters & in particular, in Jordan Park

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**From:** Joyce Small [mailto:joyce@advunlimited.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2013 11:56 AM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors  
**Subject:** Parking meters & in particular, in Jordan Park

As a 35 year resident of this lovely, residential, non-commercial area in the city, & Secretary of The Jordan Park Improvement Association, I strongly object to even the CONSIDERATION of the installation of parking meters in our neighborhood, or any residential neighborhood association.

Please see that each supervisor receives this objection, I am not the lone voice in the Association.

Joyce Small  
84 Palm Avenue,  
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**From:** Board of Supervisors  
**To:** BOS-Supervisors; Young, Victor  
**Subject:** File 130940: SFMTA parking meter contract and method of noticing.

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**From:** mari [mailto:mari.eliza@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 26, 2013 10:42 AM  
**To:** Lee, Mayor  
**Cc:** Ed Reiskin; mtaboard@sfmta.com; Board of Supervisors  
**Subject:** SFMTA parking meter contract and method of noticing.

November 26, 2013

Mayor Edwin Lee, Board of Supervisors, and Ed Reiskin

Re: The new SFMTA parking meter contract and method of noticing.

Thank you Supervisor Farrell for insisting on revisions to the contract agreement with IPS Group, Inc. and opposing SFMTA's plans to expand parking meters into our neighborhoods. We appreciate your continued help in this matter.

We want to thank Supervisor Cohen for bringing attention to the details of the Eastern Neighborhood Plan and some of the unanticipated consequences it is having on the residents, who are vehemently opposing unwelcome changes to our established, family-friendly, Potrero Hill, Dogpatch, Mission Bay, and Mission neighborhoods.

We want to thank all the city officials who support the residents and voters of San Francisco in our efforts to stop the SFMTA's toxic anti-car programs.

As everyone knows, there are some major problems with noticing methods. With the new technology, and all the new channels, there is no easy way to contact the general public now. We most strongly object to the methods the SFTMA is suggesting to use for their new standards. The city of San Francisco can and must do better than that.

Voters are carefully watching as the SFMTA Board continues to roll out more TEP plans to cut Muni service and suck revenues out of Muni operations into Complete Streets and other non-Muni related programs. In view of SFMTA's many questionable policy moves in recent years, we believe that a review of its entire governance is warranted.

When the 2014 ballots go out, we will support those who help us stay in our homes and maintain the San Francisco lifestyle we choose.

Sincerely,

Mari Eliza

cc: Board of Supervisors, MTA Board, and Ed Reiskin

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**From:** Howard Chabner [hchabner@jps.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 26, 2013 7:30 PM  
**To:** crubke@sflaw.com; Lee, Mayor; Farrell, Mark; Breed, London; Mar, Eric (BOS); Board of Supervisors; Avalos, John; Cohen, Malia; Chiu, David; Tang, Katy; Kim, Jane; Yee, Norman (BOS); Campos, David; scott.weiner@sfgov.org; Scott, JohnPaul; mta.board@sfmta.com; mtaboard@sfmta.com; Boomer, Roberta  
**Cc:** Reiskin, Ed; Scott, JohnPaul; Fraguli, Joanna; Johnson, Carla; tilly.chang@sfcta.org; maria.lombardo@sfcta.org; Johnston, Conor  
**Subject:** Notification to RPP holders about parking meters

Dear Mayor Lee, President Chiu, Supervisors, Chairman Nolan and MTA Board members:

You have received many comments about strengthening the notice requirements for installing parking meters. In addition to the requirements suggested in those comments, please consider adding the following requirement. When MTA is planning to install meters in spaces that are within a residential parking permit area, MTA should be required to notify everyone who has an RPP for that area. This would be fair, because, by definition, everyone who has an RPP for that area lives there, owns a motor vehicle and would be directly impacted by the reduction in unmetered spaces in that area. Doing this would be technically easy, since MTA has the addresses of each RPP holder. This requirement should apply regardless of the number of meters being added – otherwise MTA could add meters piecemeal in small batches in order to avoid giving notice.

Sincerely

Howard Chabner

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**From:** Rob Francis [robert.francis@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 19, 2013 6:19 AM  
**To:** Boomer, Roberta; MTABoard@sfmta.com; Johnson, Carla; london.breed@sf.gov; Board of Supervisors  
**Cc:** Avalos, John; Campos, David; Chiu, David; Wiener, Scott; Fraguli, Joanna; Tang, Katy; Farrell, Mark; Mar, Eric (DPH); Cohen, Malia; Lee, Mayor; Kim, Jane  
**Subject:** MTA Board Meeting - November 19, 2013 - Agenda Item #15 - Parking Meter Notification Policy

Dear Chairman Nolan and MTA Board members:

I am writing to you regarding Agenda Item #15 - Parking Meter Notification Policy. SFMTA's proposed policy for notification of new parking meters does not provide adequate notice to all stakeholders.

These comments are submitted about the Parking Meter Notification Policy proposal.

Here is a summary of the requirements:

- I. For Proposed Installation of up to 50 parking meters at a time:
  1. No community meeting required;
  2. Mailed notice of hearing only provided 10 days prior to hearing
  3. Mailed notice of hearing only required for owners whose properties would directly face new meters (i.e., meters would be directly in front of the property or across the street from the property);

Problems and concerns with this proposal:

taking University Terrace as an example, SFMTA could install up to 50 new parking meters on Golden Gate avenue that would affect University Terrace, but SFMTA would not be required to have a community meeting and would only have to provide notice to USF and those owners on Golden Gate avenue (i.e., those on Terrace streets would not be entitled to any mailed notice). Those owners on Golden Gate would only have 10 days advance mailed notice of the hearing.

Suggested changes:

a. Require at least 1 community hearing and require mailed notice to residents within 300 feet of meters of that community hearing; provide 30 days notice; define standards for community meeting so that it can't be a meeting between SFMTA and a few people in the neighborhood friendly to SFMTA that the majority of residents are unaware of or can't attend

II. Installation of 51-100 parking meters:

1. Only 1 community meeting required;
2. No mailed notice of community meeting
3. No definition of what constitutes a community meeting
4. Mailed notice of hearing only provided 10 days prior to hearing

Problems and concerns with this proposal:

1. One Community Meeting required but no requirement to provide notice of the community meeting (i.e., no requirement to mail notice to people so it is certain they get it) and no definition of what counts as a community meeting and what % of the community has to be engaged (e.g., does one meeting with some people from a neighborhood organization count as a community meeting?)

2. Suggested changes:

a. Require at least 2 community meetings; first meeting to discuss proposal and gather input and second meeting to explain whether and how SFMTA listened to and incorporated neighborhood concerns; require mailed notice to residents within 300 feet of both community hearings; provide for 30 days notice of community meetings and public hearing; define standards for community meeting to ensure it is a true community meeting

III. Installation of more than 100 parking meters:



5. At least 3 community meetings required;
6. No mailed notice of community meeting
7. No definition of what constitutes a community meeting
8. Mailed notice of hearing only provided 10 days prior to hearing

Problems and concerns with this proposal:

No requirement to provide notice of the community meeting (i.e., no requirement to mail notice to people so it is certain they get it) and no definition of what counts as a community meeting and what % of the community has to be engaged (e.g., does one meeting with some people from a neighborhood organization count as a community meeting?)

Suggested changes:

- a. require mailed notice to residents within 300 feet of proposed meters for community meetings and public hearings (i.e., make sure people have notice of community meetings and an opportunity to weigh in); Have such notices provide at least 30 days advance notice (rather than 10 days); define standards for community meeting to ensure it is a true community meeting

Thank You

Robert Francis

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**From:** Board of Supervisors  
**To:** BOS-Supervisors  
**Subject:** FW: MTA Board Meeting - November 19, 2013 - Agenda Item #15 - Parking Meter Notification Policy

**From:** Howard Chabner [mailto:hlchabner@jps.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 18, 2013 4:51 PM  
**To:** Boomer, Roberta; mta.board@sfmta.com  
**Cc:** Reiskin, Ed; Johnson, Carla; crubke@sflaw.com; Lee, Mayor; Farrell, Mark; Breed, London; Mar, Eric (BOS); maria.lombardo@sfcta.org; tilly.chang@sfcta.org; Board of Supervisors; Avalos, John; Cohen, Malia; Chiu, David; Tang, Katy; Kim, Jane; Yee, Norman (BOS); Campos, David; scott.weiner@sfgov.org; hlchabner@jps.net; Scott, JohnPaul; Fraguli, Joanna  
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30 days mailed (U.S. Postal Service and, for recipients whose email addresses MTA has, email) notification be sent to property owners, residents and business owners within 1000 feet of proposed meter installation.

30 days mailed (U.S. Postal Service and email) notification be sent to neighborhood organizations, including political clubs.

30 days email notice to everyone who has opted in to receive notice.

30 days notice to district Supervisor.

Posting of notice widely throughout 1000 foot radius of proposed meters – at least 30 days in advance.

For projects involving fewer than 50 meters: least two public meetings:

- first meeting to discuss proposal and gather input, and
- second meeting to review revised plan that incorporates community input.

For projects involving 50 or more meters: at least three public meetings, as described above.

Also, notice as described above would be given with respect to each meeting.

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Thank you for considering this email.

Sincerely

Howard Chabner

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**From:** Richard Skaff [richardskaff1@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 18, 2013 11:28 PM  
**To:** Lee, Mayor; Board of Supervisors; mta.board@sfmta.com; Boomer, Roberta  
**Cc:** 'Reiskin, Ed'; Johnson, Carla; crubke@sflaw.com; Lee, Mayor; Farrell, Mark; Breed, London; Mar, Eric (BOS); maria.lombardo@sfcta.org; tilly.chang@sfcta.org; Board of Supervisors; Avalos, John; Cohen, Malia; Chiu, David; Tang, Katy; Kim, Jane; Yee, Norman (BOS); Campos, David; scott.weiner@sfgov.org; Scott, JohnPaul; Fraguli, Joanna; jessie.lorenz@gmail.com; 'Bob Planthold'  
**Subject:** FW: San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board Meeting - November 19, 2013 - Agenda Item #15 - Parking Meter Notification Policy

Mayor Edwin Lee  
City of San Francisco  
City Hall, Room 200  
1 Carlton B. Goodlet Place  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Mayor Lee.

You and I have known each other for a number of years, including those during your term as Director of the San Francisco Human Rights Commission (1991-1996). In those days, I looked up to you because I knew that in that position, you had fought for the rights of those who were unable to "stand up" and fight for their own rights. I had hopes that you would understand the needs of people with disabilities and find a way to help them in their effort to gain their rights in our society. I'm saddened to see that as Mayor of San Francisco, you seem to have forgotten about your past and those you promised to help while with the Human Rights Commission.

During my fifteen years (working under 5 Mayors) with the City, I faced many challenges (and in some cases, threats that I would lose my job!). Some of those challenges occurred while trying to change deep-seated attitudes about the value of people with disabilities and the importance of including them as equals within our community. Some took place while attempting to get political support for making the City physically and "programmatically accessible to persons with disabilities. I believe that the successes I had were not because of me and my efforts, but due to the support I had from many wonderful City employees that didn't seek public recognition for that support, but believed that the City should do the right thing and be accessible to all including those with disabilities. Because of those efforts, the City became known as one of the most accessible cities in the world, with visitors from many countries visiting the City to see how we were going about the task of making the City accessible. Today, under your watch, San Francisco appears to be moving in a different direction, one that seems to threaten all of those efforts as well as the international recognition the City used to be so proud of. Is it fair to say that this change is all due to the efforts of one man, Mr. Reiskin, the Director of Transportation

of the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA)? The changes in the direction the City seems to be taking go much deeper than one person could make, but those changes in direction are clearly threatening the rights that many of us have fought so hard to gain.

I am writing today in support of the comments sent to the SFMTA by Mr. Howard Chabner and Ms. Connie Arnold, two people with disabilities who will be dramatically affected by the SFMTA's proposed regulatory changes. They both give many valid reasons for their opposition to the proposals developed by SFMTA. SFMTA's proposals for on-street parking show no absolutely no interest in the needs of seniors and people with disabilities but solely in the expectation that if these regulatory changes take place, it will mean millions of dollars of meter and ticket fees in the City's coffers. There is clearly no concern about the fact that those changes will put into jeopardy the ability of many senior and disabled visitors and residents the ability to have access to work, shopping and recreation. I am saddened and greatly disappointed that the City that used to have a heart and at least appeared to have the interest and the well-being of its senior and disabled residents and visitors as a priority has apparently lost that interest. I hope you will intervene and prove I'm wrong.

I won't be able to attend tomorrow's hearing at the SFMTA, but hope I can join others when the SFMTA proposal is discussed at the Board of Supervisors.

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**To:** 'Boomer, Roberta'; mta.board@sfmta.com

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Thank you for considering this email.

Sincerely

Howard Chabner

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Connie Arnold  
Disability Rights Advocate  
3328 Mayten Way  
Elk Grove, CA 95758

November 18, 2013

**Re: Opposition comments via email to MTA's proposal to impose time limits and/or restrict free parking for disabled persons carrying a placard or having DP plates**

Dear Chairman Nolan and MTA Board members:

These comments are submitted about the Accessible Parking Policy Advisory Committee recommendations. I've lived in Elk Grove, California since 2000, and I lived previously in the several different cities in the Bay Area after growing up in Southern California, and I have used an electric wheelchair since the 1980s.

I am opposed to the horrible proposal to impose time limits on accessible disabled parking. I struggle to find accessible or metered parking everywhere I drive my full-size van, and I live on a low-fixed disability income. Even at meters the crown of the street can be so steep that I have to keep searching for a metered parking space that allows me to park for free maybe blocks away from where I need to go in order to be able to deploy my modified van side wheelchair lift.

I am a person of short stature with limited reach, and my inability to pinch and grasp objects like coins or cards makes inserting anything into a meter impossible. I cannot reach a metered unit ever or take a ticket out of a ticket gate machine. I use a motorized wheelchair as my sole means of mobility, and I drive a high tech modified van. I have been looking for a state job for over three years, and I have a Master's degree, but I have not been hired, and the competition is fierce. Often, individuals with less significant or even minimal disabilities can get in under the rules for persons with disabilities, and employers still discriminate by selecting a candidate who they can foresee may need fewer if any reasonable accommodations on the job.

My disability income is not rising with inflation or with the ordinary costs of living to keep up with affording basic living necessities to afford to pay for metered parking or risk getting a ticket and that cost because I cannot reach a meter, cannot conduct my business to get back to a meter, and I do not need to struggle to get back in my van to drive around to find another place to park in the not very accessible built environment.

Parking at meters for many reasons can be difficult and challenging including having to spend more time driving around expending gas just to find an accessible parking space or one done properly (i.e. does not have an adjacent tree, pole, sign or objects, or too steep of a crown or slope to safely deploy my wheelchair lift).

Requiring me to move my van every four or so hours means going blocks in all weather conditions to avoid a ticket and fine. The burdens imposed would be numerous and would tend to keep me from going out of my house. It would require me to always have an attendant with me which I do not get enough hours to cover that cost to go places. It means I would have more difficulty holding down a job because I would need to leave it to go move my van which, if it is raining, would mean needing help with putting on a coat in rainy weather, going blocks and taking much longer than an able-bodied person to enter and exit my van lift, driving around to find another place somewhat accessible to park.

This proposal will act as a job killer for persons with disabilities who struggle in ordinary circumstance to find and accessible space or useable metered parking space to park in every city in California. At the same time, persons with disabilities continue to have one of, if not, the highest unemployment rate at about in the 70 percentile range. This proposal is wrong and very harmful to persons with disabilities, seniors and frail elders, and returning wounded and disabled veterans, many who have pain and mobility disabilities added on top of post-traumatic stress disorder.

There is not enough accessible parking spaces and on one-way streets as it is and the designated space in many cases is put on the wrong side of the street so my side wheelchair van lift cannot deploy.

Many persons with disabilities, seniors, and veterans have trouble walking and walk slower so a time limit restricts ability to conduct community business. This is really a tax hike on the disabled to enhance city revenue at the expense of our civil rights to have equal access in parking that accommodates our disability needs including ability to afford to leave our homes.

This proposal makes me angry as it is absolutely wrong. If there are issues concerning too many placards being issued then educate the medical community who sign off on them for people who may not really need them in order to not have to pay for parking. Also, have law enforcement check that persons parking at meters with a placard are eligible to use the placard because a person issued the card must carry it on their person or be accompanying the person who has the card in their vehicle.

I am opposed to imposition of time limits on persons with disabilities, seniors, and veterans who can least afford this ridiculous proposal. I will fight this proposal to impose time restrictions on parking for disabled persons using placards or DP license plates which will limit my access to and ability to park or afford to park with every once of my being.

Sincerely,

Connie Arnold



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**From:** Board of Supervisors  
**To:** BOS-Supervisors  
**Subject:** Recommendation for RBOC vacancy - Marina Pelosi

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**From:** Holly Kaufman [mailto:hollykaufman011@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 21, 2013 10:44 AM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors  
**Cc:** Young, Victor; Kevin Cheng; derek.evans@sfgov.orgo  
**Subject:** Re: Recommendation for RBOC vacancy - Marina Pelosi

Dear Supervisor Chiu and Members of the Board,

I am a member of the San Francisco Public Utility Commission's Revenue Bond Oversight Committee (RBOC), appointed by Mayor Lee nearly two years ago.

As you are aware, we have a Board vacancy on the RBOC, and I am writing to recommend my colleague, Marina Pelosi. I can say without hesitation that Ms. Pelosi would be an exceptional addition to our committee. She has a professional experience in both engineering and finance, with particular expertise in the energy and energy efficiency industry. She has an engineering degree from the California Maritime Academy, is a Certified Energy Manager (CEM), and was formerly a stockbroker and syndicate manager. This background, combined with the fact that she is a person of high integrity and professionalism who is compelled to contribute to her community of San Francisco, make her an outstanding candidate.

I hope that you will approve her appointment to the RBOC. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Holly Kaufman

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**From:** Miraloma Park Improvement Club [miralomapark@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 21, 2013 11:42 AM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors  
**Cc:** Lee, Mayor; Rahaim, John; Matt Chamberlain  
**Subject:** Miraloma Park Improvement Club opposes Supervisor Chiu's proposed legislation to legalize illegal units  
**Attachments:** Letter\_Supe Chiu's Secondary Unit Legalization\_1113.doc

To: Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

From: The Miraloma Park Improvement Club (MPIC)

Re: Please forward to all SF supervisors as soon as possible this message and the attached letter detailing the MPIC's objections to Supervisor Chiu's proposed legislation to legalize illegal units, which we understand will be introduced next week.

Thank you very much.

Dan Liberthson, Corresponding Secretary, MPIC





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## Miraloma Park Improvement Club

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November 21, 1013

Board of Supervisors  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
City Hall, Room 244  
San Francisco, Ca. 94102-4689

Dear Supervisors:

We understand that Supervisor David Chiu plans to introduce legislation on Tuesday November 26, to legalize in-law units. Having reviewed the proposed legislation, we find Supervisor Chiu's plan to be in essence no different from many past attempts to bust R1 zoning in San Francisco in the name of providing affordable housing. The 550-member Miraloma Park Improvement Club (MPIC), representing an entirely RH-1 neighborhood, opposes all attempts to downgrade RH-1 zoning by legalizing illegal secondary units, as does the West of Twin Peaks Central Council, an 18-member umbrella organization representing San Francisco's Western neighborhoods. We could support Mr. Chiu's proposal only if it excluded the legalization of illegal units in RH-1 areas.

Without this qualification, Supervisor Chiu's proposed legislation would be a direct attack on the character of the City's RH-1 neighborhoods and on the value of single-family homes, and will result in overcrowding, traffic congestion, and the other attendant ills of in-fill housing. Many San Francisco housing units will become available in the next few years due to other housing expansion projects, and these will render Supervisor Chiu's zoning-destructive legislation unnecessary. We urge our Supervisors to reject this measure, as it amounts to a violation of the zoning covenant between the City and RH-1 homeowners that promises them single-family zoning status.

Sincerely yours,

Dan Liberthson, Corresponding Secretary

cc: Mayor Lee; Matt Chamberlain, President, West of Twin Peaks Central Council; John Rahaim, Planning Department. Director

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Land Use and Economic Development Committee  
Attention: Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board  
Room 244, City Hall  
1 Dr. Carlton Goodlett Place  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear Members of the Land Use and Economic Development Committee,

I would like to express my disapproval of File No. 131068 regarding the resolution to impose interim controls to prohibit the issuance of building permits. I believe that the Planning and Building Departments should complete their studies on converting commercial space to residential uses as soon as possible. However, these studies should not hold up any economic development. I see a tremendous amount of economic activity developing over the next 12 months in the subject area and feel that this resolution would stifle this economic growth. If the Committee prohibits building permits for 12 months, it may be too late to benefit from the current economic uptrend.

In the future, I would like the Land Use and Economic Development Committee direct the Planning and Building Departments to complete environmental studies earlier so that they do not feel the need to temporarily prohibit building permits.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Brian A. DiBarnaba*

Brian A. DiBarnaba  
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November 18, 2013

VIA FACSIMILE: 415 654-5163

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Re: "File No. 131068"  
"Interim zoning controls to prohibit the issuance of building permits..."

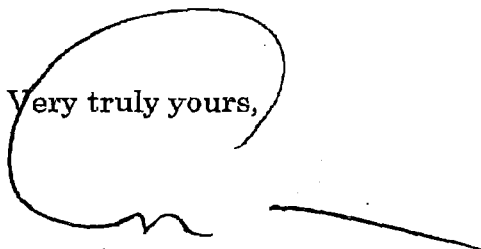
Ladies & gentlemen:

I cannot think of a worse idea than to prohibit the issuance of building permits for currently approved uses in a planning area.

The City should be fair to the property owners and/or users and allow improvements if the use is currently approved. To prohibit building permits encourages build-outs without building permits.

Balance "fairness" against "pie-in-the-sky and never-ending planning studies" before a decision is made.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,  


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**From:** Board of Supervisors  
**To:** BOS-Supervisors  
**Subject:** Letter of Support from Small Business Commission  
**Attachments:** Letter-Disabled\_Parking\_Policy\_Reforms-SBC\_Support-20131108.pdf

**From:** Murdock, Christian  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 19, 2013 9:43 AM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors  
**Cc:** Dick-Endrizzi, Regina  
**Subject:** Letter of Support from Small Business Commission

Honorable Board of Supervisors:

Attached, please find a letter of support from the Small Business Commission endorsing the work and recommendations of SFMTA's Accessible Parking Policy Advisory Committee. The Commission was energized by the Committee's work on this important topic.

Should you have any questions regarding the letter, please feel free to contact me or OSB Director Regina Dick-Endrizzi directly.

Best Regards,

Christian

**Christian Murdock | *Acting Commission Secretary***  
**San Francisco Small Business Commission**  
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SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS



CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO  
EDWIN M. LEE, MAYOR

November 8, 2013

Mr. Tom Nolan, Chairman  
Board of Directors  
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency  
1 S. Van Ness Ave., 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
San Francisco, CA 94103

**Subj: Letter of Support for Policy Recommendations of the SFMTA's Accessible Parking Policy  
Advisory Committee**

Dear Chairman Nolan:

On October 28, 2013, the Small Business Commission (SBC) voted 7-0 in support of the policy recommendations put forth by the SFMTA's Accessible Parking Policy Advisory Committee (APPAC).

Committee member Bob Planthold and SFMTA consultant Lisa Foster presented the impressive work performed by the Committee. The SBC appreciates the difficulties faced by disabled persons seeking convenient accessible parking. Small businesses are familiar with chronic shortages of parking for their customers, and the detrimental effects it has on their livelihoods. For small business owners, the matter is especially acute, as the disability community provides a valuable customer base. Convenient access to commerce is important to the quality-of-life of disabled persons, and is of great interest to small businesses. Accordingly, the SBC acknowledges the shortage of available disabled spaces as one of the most pressing among the many parking-related issues within the City.

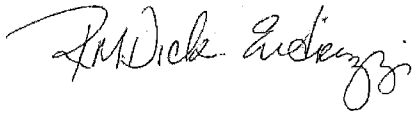
The Commission fully supports the efforts proposed by the APPAC to increase disabled parking availability. In addition to the APPAC's recommendations, the Commission calls on SFMTA to consider construction of additional parking garage capacity in neighborhoods throughout the City as part of a comprehensive strategy to alleviate overall on-street parking congestion, which will also directly benefit the disabled.

The APPAC's report of September 9, 2013, contains sensible reforms to state and local laws that the SBC believes will improve conditions for disabled drivers. While many recommendations will require substantial effort at the state level and implementation may take time, the SBC encourages SFMTA to pursue action on those measures within the purview of its Board of Directors or the Board of Supervisors. To its credit, the SFMTA has already acted on at least one recommendation, and deserves to be commended for increasing staff resources dedicated to enforcement against placard misuse!

The SBC was grateful for the presentation and hard work from the APPAC. The Commissioners look forward to expanding their dialogue with SFMTA on a host of issues impacting small businesses, and hope this experience serves as a model for the future.

SUBJ: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SFMTA'S  
ACCESSIBLE PARKING POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (11/7/2013)

Sincerely,



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Dear Chairman Nolan and MTA Board members:

These comments are submitted about the Accessible Parking Policy Advisory Committee recommendations. I've lived in San Francisco since 1982 and have used an electric wheelchair since 1990. My wife and I own a wheelchair accessible lowered floor minivan. I no longer drive, but did for around 25 years.

### Introduction and Background.

Before commenting on the Committee's recommendations, I will discuss the larger context. The recommendations should not be considered in a vacuum; the following factors must be considered:

1. People with major mobility disabilities have fewer transportation choices available than able-bodied people, and rely heavily on automobiles. (Separately I will distribute an email I've written about this.)
2. Most of the time, people with mobility disabilities park in regular (non-blue zone) metered and unmetered spaces, not blue zones. Almost all on-street parking spaces except perpendicular and angled spaces, those on the driver's side of a one-way street, and those on a steep hill are, in effect, accessible spaces even though not labeled as such.
3. MTA is engaged in a relentless campaign against cars that includes reducing the number of on-street parking spaces, adding meters to previously unmetered spaces (including in residential neighborhoods), and increasing the cost and required payment hours at metered spaces. MTA has not shared with the public any overall plan with respect to parking meters, instead opting for a piecemeal, divide-and-conquer, stealth strategy. **In fact, the agenda of this MTA Board meeting includes a proposal to reduce notice requirements for installing parking meters.**

Here are some specifics about MTA's campaign against cars and how it is negatively impacting people with mobility disabilities. Because its charge and scope of inquiry from MTA are narrow, the Committee did not consider these essential facts.

- MTA is reducing the number of on-street parking spaces throughout the city by, among other things, eliminating parking spaces and replacing them with bike lanes. The bike lane project on Fell and Oak Streets is but one example. Others include Masonic Avenue, 2nd Street and the plan to eliminate parking along a large commercial/residential area on Polk Street.
- Eliminating parking spaces and replacing them with bike lanes eliminates more parking spaces than acknowledged by MTA, because residents can no longer park in the curb lane across their driveways as they have done for decades.



- Parking spaces that are, in effect, disabled accessible although not designated as such are being removed. For example, all of the parking spaces on Oak Street that were eliminated as part of the bike lane project are on the South side of Oak and, before implementation of the project, were effectively accessible; those that remain are on the North side and are not accessible to wheelchair users because a side ramp or lift would have to be redeployed into travel lanes. The JFK Drive cycle track is another example - by moving the parking lane away from the curb, the number of effectively accessible spaces was drastically reduced, even though a handful of blue zones were added.
- Changing parallel parking to angled or perpendicular also eliminates spaces that previously were effectively accessible for wheelchair users and other people with mobility limitations. For example, as part of the Fell and Oak Street bike lane project, MTA converted parking on several side streets from parallel to perpendicular or angled, which exacerbated, not mitigated, the parking loss hardship for people with mobility disabilities.
- MTA is installing parking meters in spaces that previously were unrestricted or in some cases were in neighborhood permit zones. This is going on not only in commercial neighborhoods, but residential. See Meter Madness <http://metermadness.wordpress.com/> for details. For example, on February 21, 2013, I attended a meeting at USF about MTA's plan to install meters in the neighborhood around USF and along the perimeter of the John Adams CCSF campus, near where I live. A roomful of irate, distrustful neighbors were nearly unanimous in their outrage at the plan and their disdain for MTA. As another example, MTA has been trying to install meters in residential/small business/artist areas in the Northeast Mission. Although MTA has in some areas backed off in the face of a neighborhood outcry, this is merely a tactical retreat, not an acknowledgment that its plans are wrong and create hardships for residents, merchants, employees, artists, etc.
- Parking spaces are being removed in order to install Muni rail and bus bulbouts that, in some cases, are unnecessary. For example, around four spaces on Carl were eliminated near the Northeast corner of Cole/Carl to create a larger boarding area for the outbound N Judah, even though few passengers board the outbound train at that stop. (Many passengers exit at that stop; they walk away and don't wait there.)
- Bike parking racks on the sidewalk block access to parking spaces for wheelchair users and others with mobility limitations, thereby reducing the number of effectively accessible spaces.
- Since the beginning of 2013, parkers have been required to pay at metered spaces on Sundays.
- In some areas, parking meters now operate at night.
- The cost of parking at metered spaces is quite expensive in some areas, and it keeps going up.
- The high-tech parking meters make it technically easy for MTA and its contractor, Serco, to continue raising prices and increasing payment hours, and to do so insidiously and without fair notice.
- Serco, the for-profit contractor that operates the parking meters and to which MTA has delegated substantial power over parking policy, has financial and other interests that are different from those of San Francisco residents, businesses, employees and visitors.
- The fines for parking tickets in San Francisco are high and continue to increase. They are among the highest in the nation, if not the highest.
- The cost of being towed is unconscionably high – now around \$500 for towing plus a ticket of nearly \$100.

### **Comments on the Committee's Recommendations.**

#### **#1 – Increase Blue Zones**

San Francisco has fewer blue zones than legally required. This has been pointed out many times over the years. I agree with the general recommendation to increase the number of blue zones in areas where there are metered parking spaces.

San Francisco also has too few blue zones in residential areas and other areas where there are unmetered parking spaces. (MTA argues that there is no legal requirement for blue zones in areas where there are unmetered parking spaces; this is wrong.) San Francisco also should install more blue zones in these areas. Therefore, I support the recommendation to consider changing San Francisco's blue zone placement guidelines, if that is what is required to enable blue zones in more places.

Although the Committee report emphasizes that all of the recommendations function as a package, increasing the number of blue zones should be done ASAP and regardless of whether, or when, the other recommendations are adopted and implemented. Installing more blue zones does not require any change to state law.

The report states that increasing the number of blue zones to 4% of metered spaces would mean an increase of approximately 470 blue zones. To put that number in context, it's important to recognize that during the past few years San Francisco has lost at least that number of de facto accessible unmetered and metered street parking spaces, through outright elimination and changes in configuration (e.g. converting parallel spaces to perpendicular or angled, and moving the parking lane away from the curb).

## **#2 – Improve Enforcement of Placard Misuse**

I agree with these proposals. There should be a photo on the placard itself and on the receipt. Local enforcement should be improved. These recommendations should be done ASAP and regardless of whether, or when, the other recommendations are adopted and implemented.

Moreover, and although not among the Committee's recommendations, San Francisco should consider increasing the penalty for placard misuse. (Although a penalty of \$825 and immediate confiscation of the placard seems high, the penalty amount is less than twice that of the towing fee plus parking ticket for someone who, even if mistakenly, in good faith, and for only a short amount of time, parks in a tow-away zone.)

A caveat, however. Placard abuse harms everyone. It must be punished and reduced. But just what constitutes placard abuse isn't as simple as it may appear. Sometimes a disabled person is accompanied by an able-bodied person in one direction but not both. For example, a disabled person and her able-bodied spouse or friend may park at night in a blue zone or metered space near her home. In the morning the able-bodied person may return to the car alone while the disabled person remains at home, takes a stroll in the neighborhood, or takes public transportation somewhere else. If a parking control officer sees the able-bodied one returning to a car parked in blue zone or metered space with a placard, the officer may wrongfully assume placard abuse. The reverse situation also happens. An able-bodied friend or family member of a disabled person may drive somewhere alone, park at a blue zone or meter, and display the disabled person's placard. The able-bodied person may exit her car alone, meet the disabled person and the two of them leave together, sometimes much later. This, too, is a legitimate use of disabled parking placard even though it may not appear to be. There are other permutations of these situations.

## **#3 - Increase Oversight of Placard Approvals**

The huge increase in placards issued during the past 10 years - an increase far greater than the increase in overall population and seniors - is strong evidence that placards are being issued too easily. It is shocking, and grossly negligent, that DMV does not currently have the technical capacity to maintain information about medical providers who certify placards in a searchable database. I support the Committee's three recommendations. These recommendations should be implemented ASAP and regardless of whether, or when, the other recommendations are adopted and implemented.

Placard renewals are sent out automatically. I've had one since I moved to San Francisco in 1982, and after I submitted a doctor's note to get my first placard, the renewals have come in the mail automatically every two years. I could have moved away or died (or my medical condition could have been cured!) many years ago and the renewal placards would probably still keep coming.

In addition to the Committee's recommendations, the following should be adopted:

- Require a new certification every two or three years, even for placard holders with permanent disabilities.
- Require DMV to cross check the database of placard holders with databases of deaths, to make sure the survivors of decedents turn in the placards after death.
- Consider reducing the types of medical providers eligible to certify people for placards. Not everyone has access to a medical doctor, but the current list of providers seems too broad. For example, chiropractors should probably not be eligible, and perhaps not optometrists and nurse midwives.
- Conduct an outreach campaign to medical professionals emphasizing the harm done by falsely, or even in good faith but too leniently, certifying patients for placards.

#### **#4 - Remove the Meter Payment Exemption Requirement**

**I strongly oppose this recommendation. Many people own cars but don't have garages, so they rely on street parking. If local jurisdictions were allowed to require placard holders to pay at meters (including blue zones in metered areas), San Francisco would certainly change its current policy and require payment. If it did this, and if MTA continued to reduce the overall number of street parking spaces, change the configuration of parking spaces to reduce the number of de facto accessible spaces, install meters in residential areas (and, if MTA has its way, do so with reduced notice to the people who would be impacted), increase the price and hours of meters, and increase the penalties for parking violations, some people with mobility disabilities - especially working-class and middle-class people - would end up leaving San Francisco. Others who live elsewhere but work in San Francisco would not be able to continue working here. Moreover, many of those with mobility disabilities who would be negatively impacted are seniors.**

These would be terrible demographic consequences and would conflict with the principle often stated by elected officials, civic leaders and San Franciscans of all stripes, of encouraging and supporting a population that is diverse in, among other characteristics, age, disability status, family status, income and occupation.

When the free parking policy was implemented decades ago, among the reasons for not requiring payment were the physical inaccessibility of meters and the physical difficulty for disabled people in returning to meters frequently in order to pay before the time expired. Meter payment technology has changed dramatically since then, and the recommendation would allow jurisdictions to require payment only if their meters have accessible payment options. But in considering whether or not free parking should be continued, it's essential to consider the overall parking situation today. The parking situation in San Francisco today is much more difficult, complex and expensive than when the free parking policy was initially adopted. The transportation choices of people with mobility disabilities continue to be quite limited compared to those available to able-bodied people, and, as referred to at the beginning of this email, many of us with mobility disabilities rely heavily on automobiles. Among other things, major access limitations and problems still exist in public transportation and are likely to persist for the foreseeable future.

The justification for continuing free parking is similar to that for reduced fares on public transportation for disabled people (and for seniors and children), and in other contexts. Although the poorest segment of the population, whether disabled or able-bodied, cannot afford automobiles, many working-class and middle-class disabled people do own and rely on cars. Many people with mobility disabilities, including those who are relatively affluent, have high medical expenses year after year that are not covered by insurance - caregivers who assist with activities of daily living, home access modifications (including installation and ongoing maintenance), long-term care, accessible vehicles, medical transportation, medical equipment (for example, insurance typically does not cover the entire cost of purchasing and maintaining complex wheelchairs, nor does it cover essential items such as lifts), medical supplies and drugs. Continuing to provide free on-street parking would be a fair acknowledgment of those extra burdens.

The parking situation in San Francisco is uncertain and constantly changing. For those who rely on an automobile and don't have a garage, street parking is essential. But MTA is installing parking meters in residential areas. If this continues, some people with mobility disabilities who rely on automobiles would have to move. It would be a huge mistake to eliminate free parking in such an uncertain, changing environment.

**MTA has estimated that, at an average rate of \$1.50 per hour, it had a revenue loss of \$12.3 million in 2013 due to metered hours occupied by cars with disabled placards who don't pay, plus \$2.5 million in lost revenue because of free parking at blue zones.** (Source: July 31, 2013, MTA draft revenue estimate from accessible parking proposal; provided to me per a Sunshine Ordinance request.) (This estimate also includes, as a cost of implementing the recommendations, one full-time equivalent MTA employee salary for one year, at \$200,000. If \$200,000 is the typical annual cost for a full-time equivalent employee, no wonder MTA is so hungry for money!) The total of nearly \$15 million annually is based on an average rate of \$1.50 per hour; since MTA can be expected to raise hourly rates and install more meters in the future, the revenue gain would be even greater. Also, the \$15 million does not include parking ticket citation revenue that would be generated from placard holders for parking violations at metered spaces. Although there are one-time costs of installing meters at blue zones, installing more blue zones, and implementing accessible payment options, the revenue gained by eliminating free parking would continue year after year.

**I believe that capturing this large amount of lost revenue is MTA's main motivation for promoting this proposal. If MTA were truly interested in increasing overall parking access for disabled people, it would not be doing the things mentioned elsewhere in this email. It's also interesting that this revenue estimate was made months after the Committee completed its meetings and formulated its recommendations.** Importantly, MTA Director Ed Reiskin is Co-chair of the Committee, Nelson Nygaard consultants acted as facilitators, and parking contractor Serco was heavily involved in the process. These players have a powerful economic incentive to increase MTA revenue.

Requiring placard holders to pay at the meter is part of MTA's overall "demand management" strategy for parking. Like most goods, increasing the price of parking can be expected to reduce demand, but that shouldn't be the ultimate goal. If MTA charged \$20 per hour to park at meters, it would undoubtedly open up spaces, but at what cost? Should San Francisco be a city where only the affluent can afford cars?

It's true that free parking for placard holders invites fraud and abuse. So does any benefit - Medicare, Medi-Cal, Social Security, workers' compensation, unemployment insurance, disability insurance. But society should target fraud and abuse, not eliminate a benefit that is justified. According to the evidence in the Committee report, the DMV has not really seriously tried to tackle fraud and abuse, and San Francisco's attempts have been limited. The Committee's justification for eliminating free parking is that evidence from other jurisdictions indicates that targeting fraud and abuse alone is not sufficient. But why not try it first, instead of throwing out the baby with the bathwater?

The practices of other jurisdictions are of limited relevance. Other jurisdictions are not undergoing a campaign against cars as intense and relentless as MTA's campaign in San Francisco, and mobility disabled people there are not facing the same looming threats to their ability to use and own cars.

Many San Francisco and California officials and employees pride themselves on going beyond legal requirements in access and implementing progressive practices even if not legally required. Certainly San Francisco and California can learn from other places, but they shouldn't emulate places that don't have forward-thinking disability access policies. Moreover, as the Committee notes, 15 states do require cities to exempt placard holders from paying at the meter.

There are other problems with the recommendation:

- Allowing each jurisdiction to formulate its own policy invites confusion and inconsistency. If someone parks near a boundary between municipalities with different policies, how would they know what to do? Signs and meters would have to be perfectly explicit, which is unlikely considering that currently they are often unclear about rules that are simpler than accessible parking payment rules undoubtedly would be.
- A jurisdiction could only require payment if it provided an accessible payment option. How would this be defined? Would each jurisdiction have its own definition? And even if there were a standard, agreed-upon definition, there would inevitably be disputes about whether a particular municipality met the requirement. Municipalities would have a strong economic incentive to plow ahead and charge disabled people for parking even though payment access was incomplete or flawed. Lawsuits would be likely.
- MTA often wrongly issues parking tickets. For example, it issues many tickets for parking in a temporary construction zone to cars that parked there when there was no signage indicating that parking is prohibited. It is difficult and burdensome for the general public to fight wrongly issued parking tickets. For a mobility disabled person who loses his or her initial appeal by correspondence, it is even more burdensome to go in person to fight the ticket than it is for the general public.

## **#5 – Direct Revenue to Accessibility Improvements**

If payment is required for blue zones - which I oppose - the money should go into the same MTA fund as general parking meter revenues, not be specifically earmarked for accessibility improvements. With limited exceptions, money received from taxes and fees should go into a general pot in the relevant jurisdiction (federal, state, or local), and society should decide how to allocate all of that money. Earmarking blue zone meter revenue for access improvements would violate that principle. Parking meter revenue should not be considered a user fee (unlike, for example, admission fees to state and national parks), nor should it be considered like proceeds from a bond issued for a specific purpose.

Access is legally required. It should be part of every project and be funded in the same way as the rest of the project - from San Francisco's general fund, general capital sources, bond proceeds (for example, proceeds from a parks improvement bond should be used to provide access as part of the parks projects funded by the bond), general operating revenues, etc. San Francisco's ADA Transition Plan should be fully funded. Providing complete access should not depend on the existence of "special" sources such as blue zone meter revenues.

Moreover, would there be any mechanism in place under the Committee's proposal to ensure that these funds would be spent on improvements that would not otherwise have been made in the absence of these funds? Isn't it possible or likely that MTA would simply spend less money from other sources on access improvements?

There is also a practical problem. Who would choose how to direct those funds to access improvements, and by what process? This recommendation would invite political wrangling about how to spend the funds and who gets to decide.

#### **#6 - Allow Jurisdictions to Establish Reasonable Time Limits**

**As with the issue of free parking for placard holders, the overall parking situation in San Francisco must be considered. If MTA continues to install meters in residential and mixed residential/commercial areas that previously didn't have them (and, to make things worse, with even less public notice), continues reducing the overall number of street parking spaces, and continues reducing the number of de facto accessible spaces by changing the configuration of spaces from parallel to perpendicular/diagonal, mobility disabled people would rely more and more on metered spaces, and time limits would create a hardship, especially for those without garages, ultimately forcing some people with mobility disabilities out of San Francisco.**

If payment is required for regular metered parking and blue zones, according to the Committee's reasoning, the incentive for abuse would be reduced and the rationale for time limits would be greatly diminished. If payment is required, there should be no time limits.

If metered parking and blue zones continue to be free for placard holders, I would support reasonable time limits but only if MTA stops doing the things described in this email and significantly increases the number of blue zones in the whole gamut of areas, so that plenty of unmetered spaces remained available in residential and mixed residential/commercial areas.

But a four hour time limit isn't enough. For example, people often spend more than four hours at a park. Golden Gate Park is closed to automobiles on Sundays (which I have supported for years). Meters now operate on Sundays. People with mobility disabilities who find street parking in the neighborhoods near parks should not be limited to four hours. Similarly, people spend more than four hours at music festivals, street fairs and similar events. They often spend more than four hours visiting friends in hospitals or at home. Dinner and a movie or concert can take more than four hours.

I support the recommendation to set time limits for placard holders in green zones. Businesses pay for green zones and rely on them for deliveries and short-term customer parking, so I never park at green zones for more than a few minutes when the business is open. However, time limits should only apply during business hours and days. If, for example, a business is closed on Saturdays and Sundays, time limits should not apply to placard holders parking in that business's green zone on those days.

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Thank you for considering this email.

Sincerely

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November 18, 2013

**Re: Opposition comments via email to MTA's proposal to impose time limits and/or restrict free parking for disabled persons carrying a placard or having DP plates**

Dear Chairman Nolan and MTA Board members:

These comments are submitted about the Accessible Parking Policy Advisory Committee recommendations. I've lived in Elk Grove, California since 2000, and I lived previously in the several different cities in the Bay Area after growing up in Southern California, and I have used an electric wheelchair since the 1980s.

I am opposed to the horrible proposal to impose time limits on accessible disabled parking. I struggle to find accessible or metered parking everywhere I drive my full-size van, and I live on a low-fixed disability income. Even at meters the crown of the street can be so steep that I have to keep searching for a metered parking space that allows me to park for free maybe blocks away from where I need to go in order to be able to deploy my modified van side wheelchair lift.

I am a person of short stature with limited reach, and my inability to pinch and grasp objects like coins or cards makes inserting anything into a meter impossible. I cannot reach a metered unit ever or take a ticket out of a ticket gate machine. I use a motorized wheelchair as my sole means of mobility, and I drive a high tech modified van. I have been looking for a state job for over three years, and I have a Master's degree, but I have not been hired, and the competition is fierce. Often, individuals with less significant or even minimal disabilities can get in under the rules for persons with disabilities, and employers still discriminate by selecting a candidate who they can foresee may need fewer if any reasonable accommodations on the job.

My disability income is not rising with inflation or with the ordinary costs of living to keep up with affording basic living necessities to afford to pay for metered parking or risk getting a ticket and that cost because I cannot reach a meter, cannot conduct my business to get back to a meter, and I do not need to struggle to get back in my van to drive around to find another place to park in the not very accessible built environment.

Parking at meters for many reasons can be or difficult and challenging including having to spend more time driving around expending gas just to find an accessible parking space or one done properly (i.e. does not have an adjacent tree, pole, sign or objects, or too steep of a crown or slope to safely deploy my wheelchair lift).

Requiring me to move my van every four or so hours means going blocks in all weather conditions to avoid a ticket and fine. The burdens imposed would be numerous and would tend to keep me from going out of my house. It would require me to always have an attendant with me which I do not get enough hours to cover that cost to go places. It means I would have more difficulty holding down a job because I would need to leave it to go move my van which, if it is raining, would mean needing help with putting on a coat in rainy weather, going blocks and taking much longer than an able-bodied person to enter and exit my van lift, driving around to find another place somewhat accessible to park.

This proposal will act as a job killer for persons with disabilities who struggle in ordinary circumstance to find and accessible space or useable metered parking space to park in every city in California. At the same time, persons with disabilities continue to have one of, if not, the highest unemployment rate at about in the 70 percentile range. This proposal is wrong and very harmful to persons with disabilities, seniors and frail elders, and returning wounded and disabled veterans, many who have pain and mobility disabilities added on top of post-traumatic stress disorder.

There is not enough accessible parking spaces and on one-way streets as it is and the designated space is many cases is put on the wrong side of the street so my side wheelchair van lift cannot deploy.

Many persons with disabilities, seniors, and veterans have trouble walking and walk slower so a time limit restricts ability to conduct community business. This a really a tax hike on the disabled to enhance city revenue at the expense of our civil rights to have equal access in parking that accommodates our disability needs including ability to afford to leave our homes.

This proposal makes me angry as it is absolutely wrong. If there are issues concerning too many placards being issued then educate the medical community who sign off on them for people who may not really need them in order to not have to pay for parking. Also, have law enforcement check that persons parking at meters with a placard are eligible to use the placard because a person issued the card must carry it on their person or be accompanying the person who has the card in their vehicle.

I am opposed to imposition of time limits on persons with disabilities, seniors, and veterans who can least afford this ridiculous proposal. I will fight this proposal to impose time restrictions on parking for disabled persons using placards or DP license plates which will limit my access to and ability to park or afford to park with every once of my being.

Sincerely,

Connie Arnold



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Hi all:

This Tuesday, the MTA will be deciding whether to sign a contract with a company called Frias Transportation Infrastructure (FTI) to create an Electronic Taxi Access system that will allow participating taxi hailing apps to have access to the entire taxi fleet. Any app that meets the MTA's requirements will be allowed to use the system. Yellow, Luxor and DeSoto are dead set against this idea, but it is a needed tool to help us combat the likes of Lyft, SideCar and Uber.

But there's a more troubling aspect to the contract. Through it, the MTA will be able to collect extensive data on every taxi shift and trip. They will have a huge amount of information at their fingertips, with no safeguards in place on how it might be used. While much of this information is already in company hands through their dispatch and credit processing systems, turning it all over to a government agency to use as it pleases raises serious concerns.

Also on the agenda is a proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the MTA and SFO that will allow data sharing between the two agencies. SFO is going to replace the current smartcard with a new version that will include a GPS-based short system. The MOU will allow the MTA and SFO to coordinate and share data. A single card will replace the A-card and smart cards currently in use.

Like the FTI contract, the MOU has positive and negative aspects. The geo-fence will allow the short line to continue to exist (airport management at first wanted to end shorts entirely) and will reduce or eliminate some of the cheating and abuses of the current system. But the unrestricted sharing of data between the two agencies is worrisome.

The MTA meeting will take place Tuesday, Nov. 19, starting at 1 p.m., in City Hall, room 400. If you want your opinions on these matters to be heard, come to this meeting.

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I, John Arntz, Director of Elections of the City and County of San Francisco, certify that I have canvassed the votes cast at the Municipal Election held on Tuesday, November 5, 2013 within the City and County of San Francisco, in the manner required by Division 15 of the California Elections Code.

I certify that I began the canvass on Wednesday morning, November 6, 2013 and as a result of the tabulation of all votes recorded, present a complete record entitled "San Francisco Official Statement of Vote – Municipal Election – November 5, 2013." I also declare that the number of ballots in said election was 128,937.

On this day, November 15, 2013 at 1:54 p.m., I certify that the results of each of the races as shown in the following Final Summary Report of the Municipal Election of November 5, 2013 are true and correct.

**Ballot Measures**

Following are the vote counts for each of the **ballot measures** for which the Board of Supervisors, as required by California Elections Code section 15400, declares the results:

**Charter Amendment**

I certify that **Proposition A**, Retiree Health Care Trust Fund, **passed** with an affirmative vote of 68.24% (Yes: 82,426 and No: 38,367), more than the 50%+1 majority votes required.

**Ordinance**

I certify that **Proposition B**, 8 Washington Street—Initiative, **failed** with an affirmative vote of 37.21% (Yes: 47,257 and No: 79,738), less than the 50%+1 majority votes required.

I certify that **Proposition C**, 8 Washington—Referendum, **failed** with an affirmative vote of 33.04% (Yes: 41,497 and No: 84,083), less than the 50%+1 majority votes required.

**Declaration of Policy**

I certify that **Proposition D**, Prescription Drug Purchasing, **passed** with an affirmative vote of only 79.84% (Yes: 97,804 and No: 24,690), more than the 50%+1 majority votes required.

**Elective Offices**

Following are the vote counts for each of the **candidates** for which the Board of Supervisors, as required by California Elections Code section 15400, declares the results.

I certify that in the contest for **Assessor-Recorder**, the total number of first-choice votes cast for each candidate was:

<b>CARMEN CHU</b>	<b>95,849</b>	<b>96.86%</b>
UNQUALIFIED WRITE-IN	3,110	3.14%

I certify that in the contest for **City Attorney**, the total number of first-choice votes cast for each candidate was:

<b>DENNIS J. HERRERA</b>	<b>95,323</b>	<b>96.91%</b>
UNQUALIFIED WRITE-IN	3,044	3.09%

I certify that in the contest for **Treasurer**, the total number of first-choice votes cast for each candidate was:

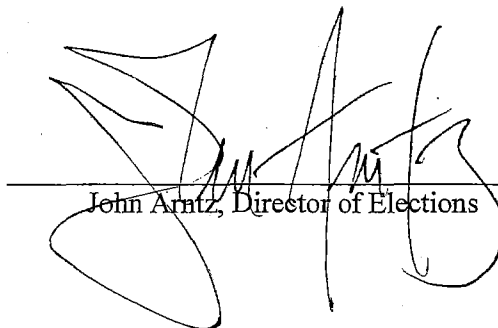
<b>JOSÉ CISNEROS</b>	<b>91,421</b>	<b>96.87%</b>
UNQUALIFIED WRITE-IN	2,957	3.13%

I certify that in the contest for **Member, Board of Supervisors—District 4**, the total number of first-choice votes cast for each candidate was:

<b>KATY TANG</b>	<b>8,725</b>	<b>80.42%</b>
IVAN SEREDNI	1,753	16.16%
QUALIFIED WRITE-IN: MICHAEL MURPHY	272	2.51%
UNQUALIFIED WRITE-IN	99	0.91%

In witness whereof I hereby affix my hand and seal this 15th day of November 2013.



  
John Arntz, Director of Elections

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The Honorable David Chiu  
President, Board of Supervisors  
City and County of San Francisco

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November 18, 2013

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Dear Supervisor Chiu:

This letter is again written in support of the resolution to accept the State HCD loan for renovation of this property as an urgent addition to our emergency public shelter system in a part of San Francisco vastly underserved by this system. While there has been both agreement and misunderstanding around location of new shelter services at 2111 Jennings during recent public forums, testimony was nearly unanimous in support with former Supervisor Willie Kennedy also favoring this proposal as Chairperson of the Southeast Community Facility Commission. Many neighbors, businesses and community members have signed petitions supporting this modest expansion of shelter services to meet an exceptional unmet human need in District 10.

The concentration of poverty in District 10 is historic and it is increasing for the aging homeless population in district streets, parks and doorways. There is a fraying network of social services, not a surplus of resources ~ no concentration or array of shelter services here. District 10 reports the second highest concentration of homeless residents while our public services are highly concentrated in the central city districts. The public should also be aware that the City's emergency public shelters are open to all. Recent steps were taken to facilitate easier and more equitable access to our shelters, in compliance with a legal obligation to provide equal access to any shelter. However, it defies logic anticipating an exodus of those with shelter reservations from the central city to the outskirts seeking shelter at Providence or the proposed site. The argument that shelter constitutes housing is specious, clouding the issue of housing as a basic human right in America.

The shelter configuration at Mother Brown's operates on a contingency and a string. The situation remains untenable for reasons of decency and accommodations. The shelter crisis is made more vivid by the 367% increase in District 10 homelessness since 2007 (349 to 1,278) with a corresponding increase of only 3% across the City in the same period ~ clearly a troubling trend in migration patterns between districts in seven years. Our 2013 annual point-in-time count has also revealed that 52% of homeless residents report an emergency room visit during the prior 12 months and 61% report two or more disabling medical and mental health conditions. Nearly 22% also report a serious mental illness (SMI); cross-tabulation of our PIT data would show that many clients served by Mother Brown's fall into these categories.

To inadequately meet this exceptional unmet need in District 10 (with 30% of the City's homeless population), there are 105 shelter spaces (mats on the floor) of an overtaxed faith-based agency to provide brief shelter to less than 9% of the homeless in the district ~ one of the lowest ratios of sheltered to unsheltered citywide; the UCHS site is discounted in the tabulation of shelter spaces. This project needs to move ahead as a small step to relieve the poverty of our shelter stock capacity and supportive housing resources, helping serve the needs of our more marginalized and vulnerable populations which can't be addressed by far-flung shelters and faith-based institutions alone. Part of the solution can be met through acceptance of this loan instrument.

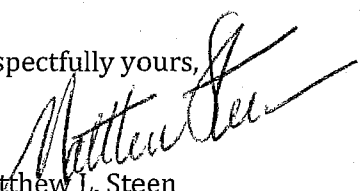
These are some of the reasons that clearly outweigh last-minute objections that have surfaced after highly supportive public forums and transparency from the start of this sorely needed partial solution. There has been no political subterfuge or machination behind this project, only human need – which a citywide conversation (Shelter Access Workgroup) identified last year and the Local Homeless Coordinating Board seeks to resolve as well. And so I must urge moving forward with this small increase to our shelter stock capacity and looking toward the community for further solutions to related issues. Perhaps a supportive housing and shelter resource workgroup can be useful to address these areas, both as a reach-out and to create dialog.

These policy conversations have already produced recommendations to expand shelter stock capacity for single-adults; create a rolling waitlist lottery to access shelters; stabilize shelter populations with longer 90 day stays; integrating shelter reservations with our 311 system; and some funding for City-mandated Standards of Care for shelter operations. Some of these initiatives were included in the current budget cycle. The Local Homeless Coordinating Board has also included new goals for shelter expansion; more supportive housing resources; and a 30% reduction in homeless populations district by district to help address these critical, growing needs in District 10 as part of its' new draft Five Year Plan Toward Abolishing Homelessness.

This conversation will again be revisited when developing the City's renewed Ten Year Plan to Abolish Chronic Homelessness in replacement of our currently expiring Plan; all interested parties are encouraged to participate in these ongoing forums to collaboratively reach smart and realistic, humane and genuine solutions to a variety of concerns that relate to poverty and homelessness in San Francisco.

These comments are made as a private citizen and not as a Member of the Shelter Monitoring Committee or the Shelter Access Workgroup. Thank you for your time, consideration and support with this very modest step in solving an unaddressed need and human right for shelter, growing larger each year in our southeastern neighborhoods and throughout San Francisco. My backyard is the City in my backyard.

Respectfully yours,

  
Matthew L. Steen

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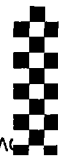
November 20, 2013

Dear Mayor Ed Lee,

I am writing you regarding some recent difficulties with selected civil servants involved in the permitting process for my local business. I have been a local business owner and operator in San Francisco for many years. I have never had so much trouble opening an establishment in this city as I have had recently. It is my hope that you can help bring clarity and resolution to this situation, as it currently is in a quagmire. Is there some sort of glitch in the system where one department does not receive copies of permits and other paperwork from other departments? Or is it possible that there are certain civil servants who are intentionally delaying the permits for certain businesses, based on some discriminatory preferences? I would certainly hope that no one in the city government would be acting with such disgraceful intentions and actions, but recently I have been given more and more reason to believe that there may be some malevolent intentions behind the delays and runaround explanations I have been receiving from city employees.

One significant challenge to the opening of my new local business is that the approved inspection paperwork and permits do not seem to be reflected in the system in a timely manner. For example, I received my health department approval from Channing Wong on November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013. However, today I received a call from Brett Howard, Building Inspector, who said I did not receive Health Department approval, which doesn't make any sense since I have already been approved. Mr. Howard indicated that he received word from Mr. Channing Wong that the business was not approved. (Additionally, Mr. Howard was very rude on the phone, and he even said that he did not have time to explain things to me. If it is not his job to deal with local businesses, then what is his job?) However, I called Mr. Channing Wong for clarification, and he indicated that he had never said any such thing to Mr. Howard, in which case it appears that someone may be impersonating Mr. Channing Wong for dishonest purposes. The city employee who has displayed the most discriminatory attitude towards me is Ms. Jen McLaughlin, and I suspect that she is the one who maliciously impersonated Mr. Channing Wong. It appears that she has been abusing her power to delay or block my business, due to prejudice against the Latino community. It is unacceptable for a city employee to be so dishonest in her dealings with her own coworkers as well as with the public.

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Mayor Lee, I beseech you to help me understand how something like this can happen in a fine city like San Francisco.

I have been working tirelessly with Chief Building Inspector Ronald Tom and Inspector Nelson Lau on the countless steps involved in making my new business an economic anchor to an area of San Francisco that is actively seeking the revitalization that my business can provide. These men even took pictures and videos of the premises so that they could precisely work with my architects and contractors on any and all specific recommendations or necessary improvements. They have seen the many improvements I have made to bring the building up to legal code, and they assured me that my plans and improvements to the premises made the place ready to operate. The premises has 100% of the 2013/2014 requirements needed to operate, whereas many businesses currently operating in the city are not yet 100% compliant the way that my new Cesar's Latin Ballroom does.

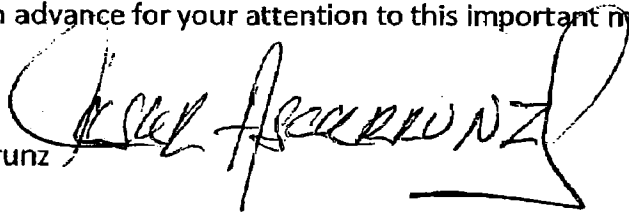
The attempted delays to my business are not only a loss for an area of the city that is thirsty for economic growth, it is also currently a detriment to my ability to let San Franciscans lead by example and show their generosity at a benefit concert for victims of the typhoon in the Philippines. I would like to use my club as a venue for benefit concerts, and the well-known reputation of my nightclub establishments could provide an especially important source of revenue. These attempted delays by certain civil servants are a waste of time and money, and benefit no one – unless, perhaps, there is someone who wishes to delay my business out of some sort of personal prejudice and discrimination against me because of my Latino background, and would gain some sort of benefit of personal satisfaction in hurting my business.

All the recent challenges and delays to this new business seem very out of character for this city. It is the first time in my life that I have suspected employees of the city of San Francisco of exhibiting discriminatory practices. My business is very popular among the Latino community, but it is not just a benefit to the Latino community; my night clubs have achieved worldwide fame and I have even been on the CBS television show "60 Minutes," and for me to be treated as if my business were not of value to all members of the neighborhood is insulting and inexcusable. It is an abuse of power and an example of incredibly shameful dishonesty.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Cesar Ascarrunz



CC: Barbara Garcia and other Heads of Departments; Board of Supervisors; News Media

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**From:** Board of Supervisors  
**To:** BOS-Supervisors  
**Subject:** File No. 131071 Today's Agenda Item 35, Gift to SFPL - Please Do Not Vote Approval

-----Original Message-----

From: Library Users Association [mailto:libraryusers2004@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2013 11:49 AM  
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Dear Supervisors:

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We will try to provide more information before your meeting today if possible, but are concerned about illegal and other actions by the library that have blocked and delayed public understanding of money flows from the Friends.

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The lack of specificity in the legislation is particularly troubling -- and in contrast to other "Accept and Expend" legislation that the Board routinely handles that is specific as to amount and does NOT include the "up to" phrase or the vagueness and escape from accountability that "In-kind" donations set up.

Thank you for your attention to this.

Peter Warfield  
Executive Director  
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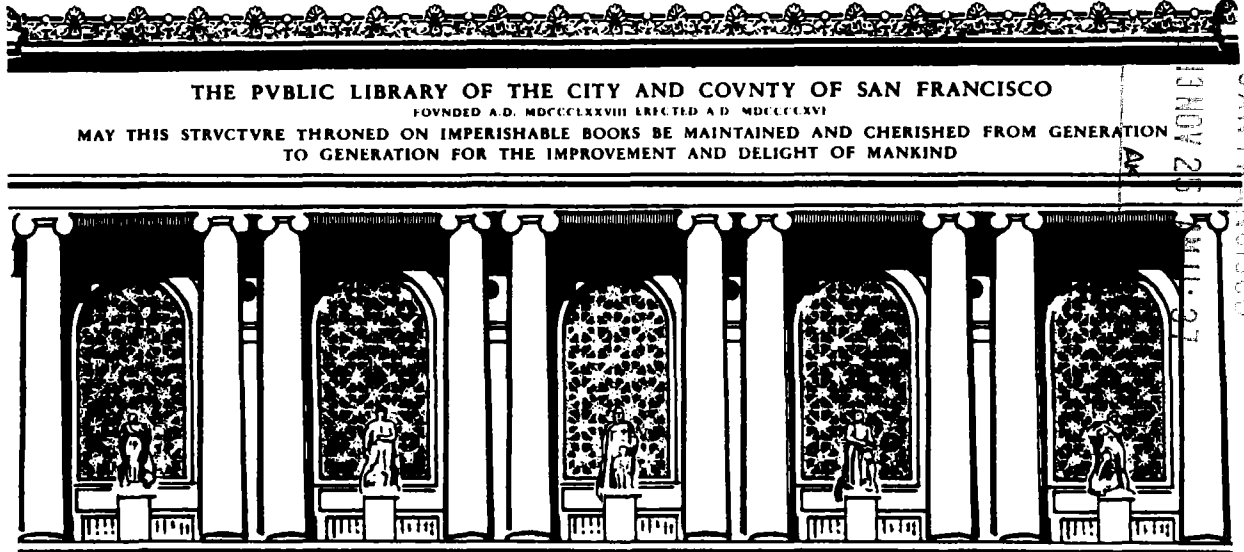
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The Original Library Movement  
 November 25, 2013  
 James Chaffee  
 63 Stoneybrook Avenue  
 San Francisco, CA 94112

Member, Board of Supervisors  
 City Hall  
 San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: Ask the Mayor -- Betrayal of the Public

Dear Supervisor:

I have attached my Flyer, "Ask the Mayor" regarding issues that should be addressed to the Mayor during question time. There is no need to repeat the issues themselves here. What needs to be acknowledged is how these issues interlock and become mutually dependant.

There are open government violations that serve the private interests and there are violations of conflict of interest laws that conceal the power of money on our social institutions. Below that is the engine that runs the whole enterprise, the conversion of public assets to a private income stream that supports the barriers to democratic participation by all social and economic level of society. Someone said about the violations of City Librarian Luis Herrera that, "The rest of us would be doing ten years in prison." The truth is that laws designed to protect democracy and the public interest are never enforced because they are not real laws. The real corruption in our civic government is the extent to which abuses will be tolerated to protect private monied interests. The Public Library is just the worst example

Very truly yours,

James Chaffee  
 cc: Interested citizens & media

# “Ask the Mayor”

## The following should be included in any questions for the Mayor:

1. On September 29, 2013, the California Fair Political Practices Commission approved a stipulation for three years of violations of conflict of interest laws by City Librarian Luis Herrera. These violations came after eight years of certifications under penalty of perjury that he was familiar with reporting requirements. This is of crucial importance because the City Librarian has admitted that the quarterly reporting of the Friends of the Library required by its agreement was never done. Your Library Commission has failed to investigate, or consider the violations in any way.

*Mr. Mayor, do you consider violations of conflict of interest laws that directly benefit private fundraisers to be consistent with your administration's service in the public interest?*

2. After a long history of violations of open government laws and findings of sunshine violations by the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force the task force on three occasions in 2013 found it necessary to refer complaints to outside enforcement against the Library Commission or City Librarian Luis Herrera. This is after Library Commission president Jewelle Gomez was found guilty of Official Misconduct and recommended for removal by the Ethics Commission. You have neither removed Jewelle Gomez or responded to the Ethics Commission's request for a response.

*Mr. Mayor, why have you so completely rejected principles of transparency and accountability when it comes to the San Francisco Public Library?*

3. Your predecessor, Gavin Newsom, as a policy of faithful attendance for his appointees, had a working goal of 100% attendance and asked his commissioners to have at least 90% attendance. By that standard the record of your Library Commission is an abomination. In 2013, your Library Commission had a schedule of 21 Commission meetings of which five were cancelled by lack of a quorum and two were cancelled by resolution. Out of 13 meetings held, and one yet to come, one commissioner had five absences (four excused, one unexcused) another had four excused absences. Of seven commissioners four attended nine or fewer meetings in a year. Now that oversight is needed more than ever your Library Commissioners voted to reduce its schedule to 13 meetings next year.

*Mr. Mayor, having betrayed the public by doing nothing, your Library Commission's only response is to do nothing less often. Is this consistent with the oversight of city departments that the citizens deserve and that you promised when you were elected?*

4. The San Francisco city's budget for the Public Library Department for fiscal year 2013-14 is \$100.5 Million (\$100,531,375). In fiscal year 2012 the Friends of the library gave to benefit the library \$213,683.00. Because of the FPPC Complaint the Library must document its reporting of gifts and in fiscal year 2013 the Public Library Department reported a total of \$4,102.52 from the Friends on California 801 Forms and then attached a spreadsheet that included overhead and other expenses as if to say, "figure it out for yourself." Since July 2013, the Library Department reports gifts from the Friend of the Library of \$512.25.

*Mr. Mayor, presumably if the citizens wanted completely cold-blooded and ruthless corruption David Chiu would be Mayor. Don't you think that you owe something to the citizens who voted for you as the slightly more decent and humane alternative?*

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November 21, 2013

Angela Calvillo  
City Hall  
City and County of San Francisco  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
San Francisco, CA 94102

RE: Ordinance #199-13 and #200-13

Dear Ms. Calvillo:

This letter is to advise you of our determination regarding the referenced ordinance with express findings received from your agency on October 10, 2013.

Our review finds the submittal to contain two ordinances modifying provisions of the 2013 California Building Standards Code in Title 24, California Code of Regulations (code), and express findings complying with Health and Safety Code §§17958.7 and 18941.5. The code modifications are accepted for filing and are enforceable. This letter attests only to the satisfaction of the cited law for filing of local code amendment supported by an express finding with the Commission. The Commission is not authorized by law to evaluate the merit of the code modification or the express finding.

Local modifications to the code are specific to a particular edition of the code. They must be readopted and filed with the Commission in order to remain in effect when the next triennial edition of the code is published.

On a related matter, should your city and county receive and ratify Fire Protection District ordinances making modifications to the code, be advised that Health and Safety Code §13869.7(c) requires such ratified ordinances and express findings to be filed with the Department of Housing and Community Development, Division of Codes and Standards, State Housing Law Program, rather than this Commission. Also, ordinances making modifications to the energy efficiency standards of the code may require approval from the California Energy Commission pursuant to Public Resources Code §25402.1(h)(2).

If you have any questions or need any further information, you may contact me at (916) 263-0916.

Sincerely,

Enrique M. Rodriguez  
Associate Construction Analyst

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**From:** Calvillo, Angela  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 26, 2013 6:20 PM  
**To:** Nevin, Peggy  
**Subject:** FW: January 2014 - Early NERT Training Opportunities  
**Attachments:** 14-01-7-14\_SFFD\_HQ-\_So\_Beach.pdf; 14-01-16-14-TNDC-Tenderloin.pdf

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**From:** dianariver [mailto:dianariver@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 25, 2013 4:44 AM  
**To:** Calvillo, Angela  
**Cc:** Arteseros, Erica  
**Subject:** January 2014 - Early NERT Training Opportunities

Dear Miss Calvillo,

NERT will be holding several new training's in various neighborhoods in San Francisco during the month of January 2014. Please add this information to your E-Newsletter for the coming weeks. To register, go to: <http://sf-fire.org/index.aspx?page=879>

We find that citizens will take the NERT training outside of their neighborhoods as it fits into their schedules. **Register on Eventbrite or call (415)970-2024**

In addition, NERT will hold a Personal Readiness Workshop in the Marina District on January 15, 2014. Please post this PDF flyer in your lobby for all to see.

**Personal Readiness for a resilient Community**  
**One time workshop for you and your neighbors!**  
**Wednesday, January 15, 6:30pm-8:30pm**  
**St. Mary the Virgin Church**  
2325 Union St. @ Steiner St.

Register:

<http://www.eventbrite.com/e/nert-readiness-workshop-tickets-9166566447?aff=eorg>

The San Francisco Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (NERT) is free training from the San Francisco Fire Department in how to help yourself and your neighbors prepare for and respond to a disaster by working together. The 20-hour training taught by First Responders includes personal preparedness, light search and rescue, disaster medicine, shutting off your utilities, and how to participate as a member of a neighborhood response team. NERT also offers continuing training for graduates and activities that support building robust neighborhood teams. For more information, visit the NERT website at <http://sfgov.org/sffdnert>, or contact Lt. Erica Arteseros at (415)970-2022 or [sffdnert@sfgov.org](mailto:sffdnert@sfgov.org).

Thank you,

Diane Rivera



Coordinator Chair  
San Francisco Neighborhood Emergency Response Team  
KG6QLX  
415-753-1443  
<http://sf-fire.org/index.aspx?page=879>

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Neighborhood Emergency Response Team



**WHO:** Everyone!!!

**WHAT:** FREE Disaster Preparedness Training

**WHERE:** San Francisco Fire Department Headquarters  
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**WHEN:** Tuesday evenings 6:00pm - 9:00pm  
January 7, 14, 21, 28, February 4 AND 11, 2014\*

\* *Note:* You must attend all sessions to gain the full benefit of the training.  
*New students may not join after class session 2.*  
A Certificate will be issued. Make ups may be approved.

**HOW:** To register visit <http://bit.ly/1c3RmoG>, call 415-970-2024, or scan the qr code below.

**WHY:** So we are prepared to do what we can for each other. Help make SF a resilient City!



Scan me to register  
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## TRAINING COURSE OUTLINE

1/7 Class Session #1...  
Earthquake Awareness,  
Preparedness and Hazard Mitigation

1/14 Class Session #2...  
Basic Disaster Skills; Fire  
Extinguishers; Hazardous Materials;  
Utilities Shut-offs

1/21 Class Session #3...  
Disaster Medicine

1/28 Class Session #4...  
Light Search and Rescue

2/4 Class Session # 5...  
Team Organization and Management  
Terrorism & NERT

2/11 Class Session # 6...  
Hands-On Training  
Skills Development and Application

# SAN FRANCISCO FIRE DEPARTMENT

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**WHAT:** FREE Disaster Preparedness Training

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Terrorism Awareness; Utility Shut-offs

1/23

Class Session #3...  
Disaster Medicine

Class Session #4...

Light Search and Rescue

1/30

Class Session # 5...  
Team Organization and Management  
Terrorism & NERT

Class Session # 6...

Hands-On Training  
Skills Development and Application



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**From:** Board of Supervisors  
**To:** BOS-Supervisors  
**Subject:** Hello I was one of the long time Volunteers at HANC Recycling Center - Jimmy Glanville

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**From:** James J. Glanville [mailto:jimmy-j-g-88@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 25, 2013 12:55 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors  
**Subject:** Hello I was one of the long time Volunteers at HANC Recycling Center - Jimmy Glanville

**Hello to you at The SF Board of Supervisors – I was a long time volunteer at HANC Recycling. I am appalled of the denial of the Buy Back Bottle Bill that was keeping our environment clean Many citizens of SF not just the Homeless had brought in recyclable material all the time in all innocent respect to our environment. Now this hazardous material is littered all over Golden Gate Park, Ocean Beach, and all over the Maul Of City Hall.**

**I honor Mr. Ed Donne, Mr. Kevin Drew, and Mr. Greg Garr the former manager's of HANC Recycling and hope he is ok today. I am concerned for these gentleman and have grate respect for them and if there is any slightest case of any threatening conspiracy upon them and please STOP your very threat to Ed Dunne and you dare not be threatening to evict him from his own home and privet property up on Stannyon Street since his dad had died an few years ago.**

**Other info for you at The SF Board of Supervisors:**

**There is still too much building and development of high rise obstructions on the water front of China and India Bay son. If we needed to work and fix the western span of The Bay Bridge well what is there up on Rincon Hill is the ugly air conditioner building ready to be the first bowling pin to fall down on the Bay Bridge in the event of an Earthquake !!!**

**From: [jimmy-j-g-88@hotmail.com](mailto:jimmy-j-g-88@hotmail.com)**

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**From:** Board of Supervisors  
**To:** BOS-Supervisors; Miller, Alisa  
**Subject:** SFPUC Emergency Declaration  
**Attachments:** Fixed Gas Monitoring System Emergency Dec.pdf

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**From:** Kowalczyk, Forrest (Ben) [mailto:FKowalczyk@sfgov.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 26, 2013 9:38 AM  
**To:** controller@sfgov.org; Board of Supervisors  
**Cc:** Hagan, Erin; Jacobo, Carlos  
**Subject:** SFPUC Emergency Declaration

Good morning,

Attached is a declaration of emergency from November 18 from the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission Wastewater Enterprise for procurement of resources and materials for emergency repairs to the fixed gas monitoring system at the Southeast Water Pollution Control Plant. A resolution approving the emergency contract is forthcoming.

Thanks,

Ben Kowalczyk  
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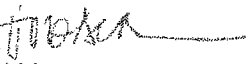


**Inter-Office Memorandum**

**DATE:** November 18, 2013

**TO:** The Honorable Vince Courtney  
 President, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission

**THROUGH:** Harlan L. Kelly, Jr.   
 General Manager

**FROM:** Tommy T. Moala   
 Assistant General Manager

**SUBJECT:** Declaration of Emergency: Repairs to Fixed Gas Monitoring System at Southeast Water Pollution Control Plant

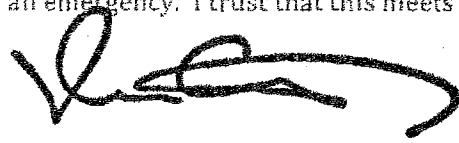
On November 18, 2013, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) Wastewater Enterprise (WWE) maintenance division requested an emergency to replace the hazardous gas monitoring system at the Southeast Water Pollution Control Plant (SEP). During an inspection, the SEP maintenance staff observed a catastrophic failure of the atmospheric monitoring system at the Southeast Plant Influent Lift Station and Headworks. The system needs to be repaired expeditiously in order to maintain compliance with regulatory requirements. Furthermore, the hazardous conditions pose a threat to the treatment infrastructure, as well as the life and safety of the treatment plant personnel. At this time, the SFPUC/WWE Health and Safety section has required manual monitoring protocol, until the fixed gas monitoring system is refurbished.

It is in the best interest of the City to declare an emergency for this work to repair the fixed gas monitoring system in order to mitigate the potential risks to the health and safety of facility personnel, ensure permit compliance and protect the surrounding Southeast Community.

This request for an emergency declaration is for resources and materials to perform the work beyond the capabilities of the City forces as soon as possible for an estimated cost not-to-exceed \$225,000.

I am therefore declaring the existence of an emergency. I trust that this meets with your concurrence and approval.

**CONCUR AND APPROVE:**



Vince Courtney - President  
 San Francisco Public Utilities Commission

- Edelia M. Lee
- Vince Courtney
- Ava Miller Cohen
- Francesca Viteri
- Amos Moran
- Art Torres
- Harlan L. Kelly, Jr.



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**From:** Board of Supervisors  
**To:** BOS-Supervisors  
**Subject:** Audited FS  
**Attachments:** California Academy of Sciences Financial Statements (Final) 11-27-13.pdf

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**From:** Klingvall, Kristin [mailto:KKlingvall@calacademy.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 27, 2013 12:48 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors  
**Subject:** Audited FS

Hi Angela,

Attached please find our hot-off-the-presses audited financial statements. As always, do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Best,

Kristin Klingvall  
Controller  
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# **California Academy of Sciences**

**Financial Statements  
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## Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Trustees  
California Academy of Sciences

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the California Academy of Sciences ("the Academy"), which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2013 and 2012, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

### ***Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### ***Auditor's Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on our judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, we consider internal control relevant to the Academy's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Academy's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### ***Opinion***

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Academy at June 30, 2013 and 2012, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

*PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP*

November 27, 2013

**California Academy of Sciences**  
**Statements of Financial Position**  
**June 30, 2013 and 2012**

	2013				2012			
	Operating	Plant	Endowment	Total	Operating	Plant	Endowment	Total
<b>Assets</b>								
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,264,867	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,264,867	\$ 205,381	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 205,381
Investments	4,211,380	254,256,063	158,364,204	416,831,647	4,221,659	248,541,198	150,722,867	403,485,724
Receivables, net								
Research grants	441,158	-	-	441,158	465,828	-	-	465,828
Accrued interest and dividends	-	794,789	20,356	815,145	-	745,330	28,962	774,292
Other receivables, net	667,561	-	-	667,561	515,748	-	-	515,748
Contributions, net	21,933,230	5,431,925	4,928,130	32,293,285	2,743,293	9,629,155	62,970	12,435,418
Due (to) from other funds	6,596,247	1,321,003	(7,917,250)	-	6,834,496	1,177,323	(8,011,819)	-
Inventory	49,249	-	-	49,249	61,486	-	-	61,486
Prepaid expenses	1,025,590	15,000	-	1,040,590	1,080,409	15,000	-	1,095,409
Notes receivable, net	-	-	1,494,156	1,494,156	-	-	1,077,354	1,077,354
Investments held in trusts	-	-	4,376,679	4,376,679	-	-	4,212,293	4,212,293
Deferred bond financing costs, net	-	2,661,977	-	2,661,977	-	2,767,751	-	2,767,751
Property and equipment, less accumulated depreciation	-	389,073,152	-	389,073,152	-	403,590,796	-	403,590,796
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 36,189,282</b>	<b>\$ 653,553,909</b>	<b>\$ 161,266,275</b>	<b>\$ 851,009,466</b>	<b>\$ 16,128,300</b>	<b>\$ 666,466,553</b>	<b>\$ 148,092,627</b>	<b>\$ 830,687,480</b>
<b>Liabilities and Net Assets</b>								
<b>Liabilities</b>								
Accounts payable	\$ 1,808,393	\$ 393,367	\$ -	\$ 2,201,760	\$ 986,858	\$ 239,847	\$ -	\$ 1,226,705
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	2,849,452	41,526	681,205	3,572,183	2,601,893	212,075	659,294	3,473,262
Deferred income	4,537,125	-	-	4,537,125	3,954,219	-	-	3,954,219
Annuities payable	-	-	1,211,242	1,211,242	-	-	1,275,489	1,275,489
Bonds payable	-	281,450,000	-	281,450,000	-	281,450,000	-	281,450,000
Other long-term liabilities	218,320	35,000	-	253,320	294,583	35,000	-	329,583
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>9,413,290</b>	<b>281,919,893</b>	<b>1,892,447</b>	<b>293,225,630</b>	<b>7,837,553</b>	<b>281,936,922</b>	<b>1,934,783</b>	<b>291,709,258</b>
Commitments and contingencies (Note 11)								
<b>Net assets</b>								
Unrestricted								
Available for operations	2,197,422	253,226,845	9,550,447	264,974,714	2,631,649	247,532,962	9,560,845	259,725,456
Designated for property and equipment	-	110,479,806	-	110,479,806	-	125,132,514	-	125,132,514
Designated for endowment	-	-	54,403,449	54,403,449	-	-	51,884,684	51,884,684
<b>Total unrestricted net assets</b>	<b>2,197,422</b>	<b>363,706,651</b>	<b>63,953,896</b>	<b>429,857,969</b>	<b>2,631,649</b>	<b>372,665,476</b>	<b>61,445,529</b>	<b>436,742,654</b>
Temporarily restricted	24,578,570	7,927,365	36,439,723	68,945,658	5,659,098	11,864,155	28,956,155	46,479,408
Permanently restricted	-	-	58,980,209	58,980,209	-	-	55,756,160	55,756,160
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>26,775,992</b>	<b>371,634,016</b>	<b>159,373,828</b>	<b>557,783,836</b>	<b>8,290,747</b>	<b>384,529,631</b>	<b>146,157,844</b>	<b>538,978,222</b>
<b>Total liabilities and net assets</b>	<b>\$ 36,189,282</b>	<b>\$ 653,553,909</b>	<b>\$ 161,266,275</b>	<b>\$ 851,009,466</b>	<b>\$ 16,128,300</b>	<b>\$ 666,466,553</b>	<b>\$ 148,092,627</b>	<b>\$ 830,687,480</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.



**California Academy of Sciences**  
**Statements of Activities**  
**Years Ended June 30, 2013 and 2012**

	2013				2012			
	Operating	Plant	Endowment	Total	Operating	Plant	Endowment	Total
<b>Change in unrestricted net assets</b>								
Revenue and gains (losses)								
Admissions	\$ 16,840,298	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,840,298	\$ 16,451,198	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,451,198
Contributions	8,292,548	1,336,747	505,579	10,134,874	6,714,335	4,918,813	1,162,197	12,795,345
Memberships	8,317,900	-	-	8,317,900	7,592,779	-	-	7,592,779
Tuition and program fees	2,854,484	-	-	2,854,484	2,790,838	-	-	2,790,838
Auxiliary activities	3,641,727	-	138,436	3,780,163	3,703,767	-	23,193	3,726,960
Government grant revenue	2,698,665	-	-	2,698,665	1,963,585	-	-	1,963,585
City and County of San Francisco	4,008,020	-	-	4,008,020	4,029,811	-	-	4,029,811
Net investment income (loss)	565,353	6,555,131	609,112	7,729,596	(160,172)	6,170,860	1,293,609	7,304,297
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on investments	(4,717)	(3,546,393)	8,210,069	4,658,959	96,222	(1,994,893)	(5,331,976)	(7,230,647)
Loss on sale of property and equipment	-	(277,974)	-	(277,974)	-	(17,605)	-	(17,605)
<b>Total unrestricted revenue and gains (losses)</b>	<b>47,214,278</b>	<b>4,067,511</b>	<b>9,463,196</b>	<b>60,744,985</b>	<b>43,182,363</b>	<b>9,077,175</b>	<b>(2,852,977)</b>	<b>49,406,561</b>
Net assets released from restrictions	5,896,164	4,055,602	5,022,225	14,973,991	6,571,520	6,472,753	3,368,239	16,412,512
<b>Total unrestricted revenue, gains, and other support</b>	<b>53,110,442</b>	<b>8,123,113</b>	<b>14,485,421</b>	<b>75,718,976</b>	<b>49,753,883</b>	<b>15,549,928</b>	<b>515,262</b>	<b>65,819,073</b>
Expenses								
Biodiversity Science	11,247,817	5,261,574	-	16,509,391	11,420,356	5,411,032	-	16,831,388
Exhibits and Public Engagement	21,516,573	7,843,806	-	29,360,379	23,170,802	8,066,613	-	31,237,415
Education and Outreach	12,521,005	268,379	-	12,789,384	11,324,195	276,002	-	11,600,197
Aquarium	8,413,106	4,511,914	-	12,925,020	8,708,311	4,640,077	-	13,348,388
Development	4,966,660	128,772	-	5,095,432	4,163,108	127,153	-	4,290,261
Management and General	5,370,780	553,275	-	5,924,055	5,410,250	568,990	-	5,979,240
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<b>64,035,941</b>	<b>18,567,720</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>82,603,661</b>	<b>64,197,022</b>	<b>19,089,867</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>83,286,889</b>
Transfers between funds								
Capital expenditures	(1,485,782)	1,485,782	-	-	(1,892,074)	1,892,074	-	-
Other transfers	10,977,054	-	(10,977,054)	-	13,482,207	-	(13,482,207)	-
Contributed investment fund transfer	1,000,000	-	(1,000,000)	-	2,927,911	-	(2,927,911)	-
<b>Change in unrestricted net assets</b>	<b>\$ (434,227)</b>	<b>\$ (8,958,825)</b>	<b>\$ 2,508,367</b>	<b>\$ (6,884,685)</b>	<b>\$ 74,905</b>	<b>\$ (1,647,865)</b>	<b>\$ (15,894,856)</b>	<b>\$ (17,467,816)</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**California Academy of Sciences**  
**Statements of Activities (continued)**  
**Years Ended June 30, 2013 and 2012**

	2013				2012			
	Operating	Plant	Endowment	Total	Operating	Plant	Endowment	Total
Change in unrestricted net assets	\$ (434,227)	\$ (8,958,825)	\$ 2,508,367	\$ (6,884,685)	\$ 74,905	\$ (1,647,865)	\$ (15,894,856)	\$ (17,467,816)
<b>Change in temporarily restricted net assets</b>								
Contributions and fund transfers	24,815,636	118,812	3,030,000	27,964,448	2,953,540	775,106	-	3,728,646
Net investment income	-	-	1,154,256	1,154,256	-	-	1,235,692	1,235,692
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on investments	-	-	8,169,182	8,169,182	-	-	(3,273,308)	(3,273,308)
Change in value of investments held in trust:	-	-	152,355	152,355	-	-	(68,042)	(68,042)
Net assets released from restrictions	(5,896,164)	(4,055,602)	(5,022,225)	(14,973,991)	(6,571,520)	(6,472,753)	(3,368,239)	(16,412,512)
Change in temporarily restricted net assets	18,919,472	(3,936,790)	7,483,568	22,466,250	(3,617,980)	(5,697,647)	(5,473,897)	(14,789,524)
<b>Change in permanently restricted net assets</b>								
Contributions	-	-	3,180,773	3,180,773	-	-	36,630	36,630
Net investment income	-	-	721	721	-	-	686	686
Change in value of investments held in trust	-	-	42,555	42,555	-	-	2,002	2,002
Change in permanently restricted net assets	-	-	3,224,049	3,224,049	-	-	39,318	39,318
Total change in net assets	18,485,245	(12,895,615)	13,215,984	18,805,614	(3,543,075)	(7,345,512)	(21,329,435)	(32,218,022)
<b>Net assets</b>								
Beginning of year	8,290,747	384,529,631	146,157,844	538,978,222	11,833,822	391,875,143	167,487,279	571,196,244
End of year	\$ 26,775,992	\$ 371,634,016	\$ 159,373,828	\$ 557,783,836	\$ 8,290,747	\$ 384,529,631	\$ 146,157,844	\$ 538,978,222

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**California Academy of Sciences**  
**Statements of Cash Flows**  
**June 30, 2013 and 2012**

	2013	2012
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Change in net assets	\$ 18,805,614	\$ (32,218,022)
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities		
Depreciation	15,758,888	15,920,529
Amortization of deferred bond financing costs	105,774	105,774
Loss on sale of property and equipment	277,974	15,804
Net realized and unrealized losses (gains) on investments	(12,828,141)	10,503,955
Donated mineral rights	(625,000)	-
Changes in investments held in trust	(355,776)	(81,146)
Contributions restricted for endowment	(3,180,773)	(36,630)
Contributions restricted for capital improvements	(1,735,250)	-
Donated securities	(896,879)	(332,217)
Proceeds from sale of donated securities	896,879	332,217
Donated property and equipment	-	(821,000)
Changes in assets and liabilities		
Receivables, net	(18,104,866)	6,584,641
Inventory	12,237	3,415
Prepaid expenses	54,819	23,815
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities	1,331,239	(44,707)
Deferred income	582,906	340,685
Other long-term liabilities	(76,263)	(25,744)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>23,382</u>	<u>271,369</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
Purchase of investments	(908,588,493)	(1,710,797,339)
Proceeds from sale of investments	908,730,018	1,712,114,376
Purchase of property and equipment	(1,689,767)	(2,912,635)
Loans made	(383,000)	(133,000)
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(1,931,242)</u>	<u>(1,728,598)</u>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
Cash contributions restricted for endowment	1,225,974	108,918
Contributions restricted for capital improvements	1,735,250	-
Investment return on annuity trusts	157,083	117,338
Annuity trust payments to beneficiaries	(150,961)	(191,282)
Net cash provided by financing activities	<u>2,967,346</u>	<u>34,974</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	1,059,486	(1,422,255)
<b>Cash and cash equivalents</b>		
Beginning of year	<u>205,381</u>	<u>1,627,636</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 1,264,867</u>	<u>\$ 205,381</u>
<b>Supplemental information</b>		
Interest paid	\$ 2,571,874	\$ 2,333,464
Noncash transactions		
Accrued purchases of property and equipment	41,526	212,075
Donated securities	896,879	332,217
Donated mineral rights	625,000	-
Donated property and equipment	-	821,000

**California Academy of Sciences**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**June 30, 2013 and 2012**

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**1. Organization**

The California Academy of Sciences (the "Academy") is a not-for-profit organization founded in 1853, with the mission to explore, explain and sustain life using the resources of the natural history museum, aquarium and planetarium. Through original research in systematic biology – the study of the diversity of living things, their relationships to each other and their classification – and a broad array of science education activities, the Academy has informed the understanding of both the scientific community and the general public.

**2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

The significant accounting policies followed by the Academy are described below:

**Basis of Accounting**

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Net assets and revenues, gains and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, the net assets of the Academy and the changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

**Unrestricted Net Assets**

Unrestricted net assets are net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed restrictions. Unrestricted net assets may be designated for specific purposes by action of the Board of Trustees or otherwise limited by contractual arrangements with outside parties. Board designated net assets consist of gifts and bequests which have been set aside as endowment funds for special programs, plant and general operating support.

**Temporarily Restricted Net Assets**

Temporarily restricted net assets are net assets that are subject to donor-imposed restrictions which can be fulfilled either by actions of the Academy pursuant to those restrictions and/or expire with the passage of time. Temporarily restricted net assets consist primarily of grants, pledges, and contributions restricted for science and education.

**Permanently Restricted Net Assets**

Permanently restricted net assets are net assets that are subject to donor-imposed restrictions that they be maintained permanently by the Academy. Permanently restricted net assets consist primarily of endowment funds.

Revenues are reported as increases in unrestricted net assets unless use of the related assets is limited by donor-imposed restrictions. Expenses are reported as decreases in unrestricted net assets. Investment income and gains or losses on investments and other assets or liabilities are reported as increases or decreases in unrestricted net assets, unless restricted by the donor or by law. Expirations of temporary restrictions on net assets (i.e., the donor-restricted purposes have been fulfilled and/or the stipulated time period has elapsed) are reported as reclassifications between the applicable classes of net assets.

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**Use of Estimates**

In preparing these financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, management of the Academy has made certain estimates and assumptions relating to the reporting of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Description of Funds**

The Academy's endowment fund includes permanently restricted contributions, unrestricted and purpose-restricted contributions which have been internally designated as endowment funds by the Board of Trustees and the realized and unrealized gains and losses associated with these funds. The plant fund includes the Academy's fixed assets, net of related debt and depreciation expenses, as well as unspent debt proceeds and restricted and board designated resources contributed specifically for construction projects, exhibit fabrication, plant additions, and the general capital improvement of the Academy's facilities. The operating fund captures all other activity.

**Revenue Recognition**

Memberships and program fees which are paid in advance are deferred and subsequently recognized as revenue during the duration of the membership and in the period in which they are earned, respectively.

**Contributions**

Contributed materials and equipment are reflected as contributions in the accompanying statements at their estimated values at date of receipt. Contributions received which relate to the Academy's core activities are classified as unrestricted.

Contributions received with donor-imposed restrictions that are met in the same year as received are reported as revenues of the temporarily restricted net asset class and a reclassification to unrestricted net assets is made to reflect the expiration of such restrictions. Contributions received for specific events are recognized upon the date of the event. Contributions for capital improvements are released when the capital asset is placed in service.

Contributions are reviewed for collectibility and reserves for uncollectible amounts are established when needed.

At June 30, 2013 and 2012, 40% and 38% of contributions receivable were due from three donors, respectively. During fiscal years 2013 and 2012, 39% and 28% of contribution revenue was received from three donors, respectively.

**Grants**

Grants that are considered exchange transactions are recorded as revenue when earned, which is generally when the related expenditures are incurred. Grants that are considered nonexchange transactions and are unconditional are recorded when the Academy receives notification of the grant award. Grants receivable are reviewed by management for collectibility and reserves for uncollectible amounts are established when needed. There was no allowance against grants receivable at June 30, 2013 and 2012.

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**Contributed Assets and Services**

The Academy receives contributed services, principally in respect of advertising, in addition to gifts in-kind such as equipment and supplies. The Academy records revenue and a corresponding expense for these contributed assets and services based on market rates for equivalent assets or services. In fiscal years 2013 and 2012, contributed assets and services totaled \$173,013 and \$1,027,677, respectively.

**Fundraising Expenses**

Fundraising expenses incurred by the Academy were approximately \$5,095,432 and \$4,290,261 for the years ended June 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively. These are reflected as development expenses in the statements of activities.

**Functional Allocation of Expenses**

Significant expenses which relate to two or more programs or support activities are allocated to the respective programs and activities. These costs principally relate to occupancy and support costs and are allocated based on the square footage used by the departments and by direct or estimated usage. Support costs include: Web Services department, which drives attendance and donations via the Website; Information Technology, while supporting all areas, focuses most of its time on ticketing and interactive educational efforts; Marketing and Communications efforts primarily benefit Education and Public Engagement Programs and the Aquarium but also Development and Biodiversity Science; the Security staff is primarily located in the public areas and allocated accordingly; Purchasing provides support primarily to Public Programs and the Aquarium as these are areas of unique needs, such as food for the animals.

For fiscal year 2013, the Academy revised its methodology to utilize its project accounting in order to more accurately reflect actual operation costs in the various divisions. In other words, labor and supplies are directly allocated to each project which rolls up to its home division. For example, various expenses related to NightLife are coded to a specific project which rolls up to Education and Outreach regardless of which department the expense originates in. Due to this different but more accurate methodology, the Academy has elected to break out the Education and Outreach from Exhibits and Public Engagement as it has become a significant part of its mission. The same methodology is now used throughout the Academy for various reporting requirements. In order to make the Academy's display of fiscal year 2012 functional expenses comparable to that of fiscal year 2013 on the accompanying statement of activities, the Academy has revised the fiscal year 2012 amounts to reflect the updated allocation methodology. For a comparison of the previously reported amounts to the revised amounts, please see the table below:

Expenses	2012 - as revised			Expenses	2012 - as previously reported		
	Operating	Plant	Total		Operating	Plant	Total
Biodiversity Science	\$ 11,420,356	\$ 5,411,032	\$ 16,831,388	Research	\$ 13,500,444	\$ 6,982,152	\$ 20,482,596
Exhibits & Public Engagement	23,170,802	8,066,613	31,237,415	Public programs	26,047,881	4,613,789	30,661,670
Education & Outreach	11,324,195	276,002	11,600,197	Education & Outreach	-	-	-
Aquarium	8,708,311	4,640,077	13,348,388	Aquarium	14,603,005	6,551,798	21,154,803
Development	4,163,108	127,153	4,290,261	Development and membership	5,417,835	199,463	5,617,298
Management & General	5,410,250	568,990	5,979,240	Management and general	4,627,857	742,665	5,370,522
Total operating expenses	\$ 64,197,022	\$ 19,089,867	\$ 83,286,889	Total operating expenses	\$ 64,197,022	\$ 19,089,867	\$ 83,286,889

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#### **Description of Major Programs**

The Academy's primary programs as reflected in the statements of activities are described as follows:

**Biodiversity Science:** The Institute for Biodiversity Science and Sustainability at the Academy focuses its efforts to understand two important topics of our time: the nature and future of life on Earth. The institute is home to more than 60 research scientists and aquarium biologists, as well as more than 28 million scientific specimens from around the world—nearly 40,000 of which are alive and on display in the Academy's Steinhart Aquarium. The institute also leverages the expertise and efforts of more than 100 international Research and Field Associates and 300 distinguished Fellows. Through expeditions around the globe, captive breeding programs, and investigations in the lab, the institute's scientists strive to understand the evolution and interconnectedness of life. Through these same efforts, as well as through partnerships, community outreach, and public engagement initiatives, the institute aims to guide critical conservation decisions and address the challenge of sustainability.

**Education and Outreach:** Provides opportunities for middle and/or high school students to become involved in science, including Science Action Clubs, Teen Advocates for Science Communication, Digital Learning programs, Careers in Science internships, and Student Science Fellows. Hosts free field trips for San Francisco school groups and conducts student lab sessions. Produces classroom kits and lesson plans to help teachers conduct science activities in the classroom. Hosts teacher workshops as well as the Teacher Institute on Science and Sustainability, an intensive two-year professional development opportunity for 3rd- to 5th-grade teachers to help them incorporate sustainability themes into their science curricula. Provides a unique combination of entertainment and education outside of public hours at NightLife which engages a new audience of young professionals with a different theme each week. For example, Beatles and Beetles brought early photographs of the legendary Brit Pop band and a look at the fascinating six-legged insects; Sustainable Catch night mixed seafood cooking demonstrations with ecologically aware interactive games and insights from the BLUEMIND summit, and Sharktoberfest combined a local-brew beer garden with renowned shark expert Dr. John McCosker in the Project Lab.

**Exhibits and Public Engagement:** Steinhart Aquarium is home to 38,000 live animals from around the world. The four-story Rainforest has free-flying birds and butterflies and exotic reptiles and amphibians. African Hall has chameleons, cichlids, a monitor lizard and a colony of 16 African penguins. The Planetarium relies on scientific data to depict current discoveries. It also has the flexibility to present a wide variety of programming that is both educational and entertaining. The Earthquake exhibit delves into the science of the dynamic planet and how to prepare for the next big one.

#### **Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include all cash balances and short-term, highly liquid investments with a remaining maturity of three months or less from the date acquired, that are not held for long-term investment. Cash is held on deposit at various institutions. At times, cash deposits may exceed federally insured limits.

#### **Investments**

Investments are stated at fair value and purchases and sales are recorded on a trade date basis. The fair value of all debt and equity securities with a readily determinable fair value are based on quotations obtained from national securities exchanges. The fair value of investments in real estate is based on an appraisal from a qualified real estate appraiser using values for comparable

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properties in the area. The alternative investments, which are not readily marketable, are carried at estimated fair values based on the net asset value of the fund as provided by the general partner of each investment fund. The Academy reviews and evaluates the values provided by the investment managers and agrees with the valuation methods and assumptions used in determining the fair value of the alternative investments. Those estimated fair values may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a ready market for these securities existed. Unrealized gains or losses are the difference between the cost and the fair market value of investments at June 30, 2013 and 2012. Realized gains and losses are recorded at time of disposition during the year and are determined on a first-in, first-out basis. The net effect of unrealized and realized gains and losses are included in the statement of activities. The Academy's endowment fund investments are primarily held by one financial institution and are managed by eleven professional investment managers.

Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market and credit. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investments securities and the level of uncertainty related to changes in the value of investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in risks in the near term could materially affect the Academy's investments and total net asset balances.

#### **Investments Held in Trusts**

Pooled income funds and charitable remainder trusts represent gifts for which the Academy is the remainderman and the trustee; donors retain a lifetime interest in a portion of fund and trust income. Pooled income fund and charitable remainder trust investments are carried at fair value based upon quoted market prices and are held with two commercial institutions. Annuities payable are calculated at fair market value based upon the estimated life of each participant using discount rates ranging from 5.40% to 5.89%. The classification of the change in value of the pooled income funds and the investments held in trusts is recorded on the statement of activities based on donor restrictions.

#### **Endowment Management**

The Academy follows a total return approach to managing its endowment funds. Each year the Board of Trustees approves an amount to be allocated to support operations. For fiscal years 2013 and 2012, the allocation from the endowment funds for operating support amounted to \$10,977,054 and \$13,482,207, respectively.

#### **Property and Equipment**

Building and related building improvements under construction by the Academy in Golden Gate Park are valued at cost and are reflected in the accompanying statements of financial position because a substantial portion of the costs are being funded through support from the Academy's donors, the assets are integral to operations and the Academy has free use of the facilities for its charitable purposes. Under the terms of the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco ("the City"), no one other than the City may hold title to buildings on City property.

Property and equipment acquired through the use of operating funds are accounted for as transfers to the plant fund. Maintenance, repairs and improvements which neither materially add to the value of the property nor appreciably prolong its life are charged to expense as incurred.

Depreciation of buildings, exhibits, software and equipment is provided over the estimated useful lives of the respective assets ranging from 3 to 40 years on a straight-line basis.



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The library collection is valued at historical cost. Management of the Academy believes that the collection consists of rare books with a perpetual value and therefore the library collection is not depreciated.

Contributions of living and other collections held as part of a collection – for education, science or public exhibition rather than for sale – are not recognized or capitalized. Such items which have been acquired through purchase have similarly not been capitalized.

#### **Impairment of Long-Lived Assets**

The Academy reviews long-lived assets for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. Recoverability of assets to be held and used is measured by a comparison of the carrying amount of the asset to future net cash flows expected to be generated by the asset. If such assets are considered to be impaired, the impairment recognized is measured by the amount by which the carrying amount of the assets exceeds the fair value of the assets. Assets to be disposed of are reported at the lower of the carrying amount or fair value less cost to sell. For fiscal years 2013 and 2012, there has been no impairment of long-lived assets.

#### **Deferred Bond Financing Costs**

Deferred bond financing costs, which include bond issuance fees, are amortized over the life of the bonds.

#### **Fair Value of Financial Instruments**

The carrying amounts of cash and cash equivalents and receivables approximate fair value due to the short-term maturities of these instruments. Contributions receivable recognized in fiscal years 2009 and later are discounted at a risk-adjusted rate commensurate with the duration of the donor's payment plan. Contributions receivable recognized in fiscal years prior to 2009 were recorded at a discount based on a risk-free rate. The carrying value of the Academy's bonds approximates fair value because interest rates are reset frequently and reflect current market rates.

#### **Income Taxes**

The Academy is qualified as a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and is not a private foundation. The Academy is also a public-benefit, tax-exempt corporation under the laws of the State of California. Accordingly, the operations of the Academy are currently considered exempt from federal income and state franchise taxes.

#### **Subsequent Events**

The Academy has evaluated the financial statements for subsequent events through November 27, 2013, the date of the issuance of this report.

#### **New Accounting Pronouncements**

In December 2011, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") 2011-11, *Disclosures about Offsetting Assets and Liabilities*. These disclosures will provide additional information about offsetting arrangements of an entity's financial assets and liabilities. The guidance is effective for the Academy on July 1, 2013. The Academy is currently assessing the impact of this guidance on its financial statements.

#### **Reclassifications**

Certain 2012 amounts were reclassified to conform to the 2013 financial statement presentation. Such reclassifications had no impact to total revenues, total expenses, or change in net assets, or total net assets as previously reported.

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**3. Investments**

At June 30, 2013 and 2012, the fair value of investments is as follows:

	2013			2012		
	Plant	Endowment and Operating	Total	Plant	Endowment and Operating	Total
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,184,556	\$ 1,755,772	\$ 3,940,328	\$ 2,712,642	\$ 4,163,168	\$ 6,875,810
Government agency and foreign government obligations	49,725,176	-	49,725,176	66,270,204	-	66,270,204
Corporate bonds	166,164,043	20,502,109	186,666,152	179,558,352	14,967,069	194,525,421
Domestic and foreign equity securities and mutual funds	35,793,948	79,517,699	115,311,647	-	73,833,997	73,833,997
Global allocation absolute return funds	-	45,870,507	45,870,507	-	48,862,511	48,862,511
Venture capital funds	-	4,178,786	4,178,786	-	4,257,495	4,257,495
Equity hedge funds	-	10,115,167	10,115,167	-	8,850,150	8,850,150
Other	388,340	635,544	1,023,884	-	10,136	10,136
<b>Total investments</b>	<b>\$ 254,256,063</b>	<b>\$ 162,575,584</b>	<b>\$ 416,831,647</b>	<b>\$ 248,541,198</b>	<b>\$ 154,944,526</b>	<b>\$ 403,485,724</b>

The following schedule summarizes the Academy's investment return for the years ended June 30, 2013 and 2012:

	2013			
	Operating	Plant	Endowment	Total
Net investment income	\$ 565,353	\$ 6,555,131	\$ 1,764,089	\$ 8,884,573
Net realized and unrealized gains (loses) on investment	(4,717)	(3,546,393)	16,379,251	12,828,141
	<u>\$ 560,636</u>	<u>\$ 3,008,738</u>	<u>\$ 18,143,340</u>	<u>\$ 21,712,714</u>
	2012			
	Operating	Plant	Endowment	Total
Net investment (loss) income	\$ (160,172)	\$ 6,170,860	\$ 2,529,987	\$ 8,540,675
Net realized and unrealized gains (loses) on investment	96,222	(1,994,893)	(8,605,284)	(10,503,955)
	<u>\$ (63,950)</u>	<u>\$ 4,175,967</u>	<u>\$ (6,075,297)</u>	<u>\$ (1,963,280)</u>

**Fair Value of Financial Instruments**

Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 820, *Fair Value Measurements*, defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value under generally accepted accounting principles and enhances disclosures about fair value measurements. Fair value is defined as the exchange price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability (an exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date.

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ASC 820 established a hierarchy of valuation inputs based on the extent to which the inputs are observable in the marketplace. Observable inputs reflect market data obtained from sources independent of the reporting entity and unobservable inputs reflect the entity's own assumptions about how market participants would value an asset or liability based on the best information available. Valuation techniques used to measure fair value under ASC 820 must maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. The standard describes a fair value hierarchy based on three levels of inputs, of which the first two are considered observable and the last unobservable, that may be used to measure fair value.

The following describes the hierarchy of inputs used to measure fair value and the primary valuation methodologies used by the Academy for financial instruments measured at fair value on a recurring basis. The three levels of inputs are as follows:

Fair value for Level 1 is based upon quoted prices in active markets that the Academy has the ability to access for identical assets and liabilities. Market price data is generally obtained from exchange or dealer markets. The Academy does not adjust the quoted price for such assets and liabilities.

Fair value for Level 2 is based on quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active, and model-based valuation techniques for which all significant assumptions are observable in the market or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets. Inputs are obtained from various sources including market participants, dealers, and brokers.

Fair value for Level 3, is based on valuation techniques that use significant inputs that are unobservable as they trade infrequently or not at all.

Investments included in Level 3 primarily consist of the Academy's ownership in alternative investments (principally limited partnership interests in hedge, private equity, real estate, and other similar funds). The value of certain alternative investments represents the ownership interest in the net asset value (NAV) of the respective partnership. The fair values (NAV) of the securities held by limited partnerships that do not have readily determinable fair values are determined by the general partner and are based on appraisals, or other estimates that require varying degrees of judgment. If no public market exists for the investment securities, the fair value is determined by the general partner taking into consideration, among other things, the cost of the securities, prices of recent significant placements of securities of the same issuer, and subsequent developments concerning the companies to which the securities relate. The Academy has performed due diligence around these investments to ensure NAV is an appropriate measure of fair value as of June 30.

The methods described above may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, while the Academy believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different estimate of fair value at the reporting date.

A financial instrument's categorization within the valuation hierarchy is based upon the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

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The following table presents the investments and investments held in trusts carried at fair value on the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2013 by the ASC 820 valuation hierarchy defined above:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,940,328	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,940,328
Government agency and foreign government obligations	-	49,725,176	-	49,725,176
Corporate bonds	-	186,666,152	-	186,666,152
Domestic and foreign equity securities and mutual funds	79,517,699	35,793,948	-	115,311,647
Global allocation absolute return funds	3,543,734	20,885,840	21,440,933	45,870,507
Venture capital funds	-	-	4,178,786	4,178,786
Equity hedge funds	-	-	10,115,167	10,115,167
Other	-	388,340	635,544	1,023,884
Total investments	87,001,761	293,459,456	36,370,430	416,831,647
Investments held in trusts	4,376,679	-	-	4,376,679
	<u>\$ 91,378,440</u>	<u>\$ 293,459,456</u>	<u>\$ 36,370,430</u>	<u>\$ 421,208,326</u>

The following table presents the investments and investments held in trust carried at fair value on the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2012 by the ASC 820 valuation hierarchy defined above:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 6,875,810	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,875,810
Government agency and foreign government obligations	-	66,270,204	-	66,270,204
Corporate bonds	-	194,525,421	-	194,525,421
Domestic and foreign equity securities and mutual funds	73,833,997	-	-	73,833,997
Global allocation absolute return funds	3,415,209	26,020,518	19,426,784	48,862,511
Venture capital funds	-	-	4,257,495	4,257,495
Equity hedge funds	-	-	8,850,150	8,850,150
Other	-	-	10,136	10,136
Total investments	84,125,016	286,816,143	32,544,565	403,485,724
Investments held in trusts	4,212,293	-	-	4,212,293
	<u>\$ 88,337,309</u>	<u>\$ 286,816,143</u>	<u>\$ 32,544,565</u>	<u>\$ 407,698,017</u>

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The following table is a rollforward of the statement of financial position amounts for the year ended June 30, 2013 for financial instruments classified by the Academy within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy defined above:

	Global Allocation Absolute Return Funds	Venture Capital Funds	Equity Hedge Funds	Other	Total
<b>Beginning balances at June 30, 2012</b>	\$ 19,426,784	\$ 4,257,495	\$ 8,850,150	\$ 10,136	\$ 32,544,565
*Transfers in	-	-	-	-	-
*Transfers out	-	-	-	-	-
Realized gains	-	795,740	137,414	-	933,154
Change in unrealized gains (losses)	2,014,149	(420,532)	1,127,603	-	2,721,220
Purchases and contributed mineral rights	-	638,568	-	625,000	1,263,568
Sales and settlements	-	(1,092,485)	-	408	(1,092,077)
<b>Ending balance at June 30, 2013</b>	<b>\$ 21,440,933</b>	<b>\$ 4,178,786</b>	<b>\$ 10,115,167</b>	<b>\$ 635,544</b>	<b>\$ 36,370,430</b>
Change in unrealized gains (losses) for open positions held at June 30, 2013	\$ 2,014,149	\$ (420,532)	\$ 1,127,603	\$ -	\$ 2,721,220

\* Internal transfers between asset classes.

All net realized and change in unrealized gains (losses) in the tables above are reflected in the accompanying statement of activities.

The following table is a rollforward of the statement of financial position amounts for the year ended June 30, 2012 for financial instruments classified by the Academy within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy defined above:

	Global Allocation Absolute Return Funds	Venture Capital Funds	Equity Hedge Funds	Other	Total
<b>Beginning balances at July 1, 2011</b>	\$ 9,755,996	\$ 4,324,305	\$ 8,963,750	\$ 10,136	\$ 23,054,187
*Transfers in	-	-	-	-	-
*Transfers out	-	-	-	-	-
Realized gains	-	435,155	-	-	435,155
Change in unrealized gains (losses)	1,170,788	51,612	(113,600)	-	1,108,800
Purchases	8,500,000	414,574	-	-	8,914,574
Sales and settlements	-	(968,151)	-	-	(968,151)
<b>Ending balance at June 30, 2012</b>	<b>\$ 19,426,784</b>	<b>\$ 4,257,495</b>	<b>\$ 8,850,150</b>	<b>\$ 10,136</b>	<b>\$ 32,544,565</b>
Change in unrealized gains (losses) for open positions held at June 30, 2012	\$ 1,170,788	\$ 51,612	\$ (113,600)	\$ -	\$ 1,108,800

\* Internal transfers between asset classes.

All net realized and unrealized gains (losses) in the tables above are reflected in the accompanying statements of activities.

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The following table lists those investments by major category for which the Academy uses NAV to determine fair value at June 30, 2013.

	Number of Funds	Fair Value	Unfunded Commitments	Redemption Terms	Redemption Restrictions in Place at Year End
(a) Equity hedge funds - diversified - Domestic equities	1	\$ 10,115,167	\$ -	Quarterly with 60 days notice	None
(b) Global allocation absolute return funds	2	21,440,933	-	New money must be held for minimum of 2 years. One year's notice is required in order to withdraw funds.	None
(c) Global allocation absolute return funds	2	20,885,840	-	Monthly with 14 days notice	None
(d) Venture capital funds - US	3	4,178,786	4,351,603	Not redeemable	N/A
	<u>8</u>	<u>\$ 56,620,726</u>	<u>\$ 4,351,603</u>		

The following table lists those investments by major category for which the Academy uses NAV to determine fair value at June 30, 2012.

	Number of Funds	Fair Value	Unfunded Commitments	Redemption Terms	Redemption Restrictions in Place at Year End
(a) Equity hedge funds - diversified - Domestic equities	1	\$ 8,850,150	\$ -	Quarterly with 60 days notice after three-year lockup effective 12/2008	Not redeemable until 12/2012
(b) Global allocation absolute return funds	2	19,426,784	-	New money must be held for minimum of 2 years. One year's notice is required in order to withdraw funds.	None
(c) Global allocation absolute return funds	2	26,020,518	-	Monthly with 14 days notice	None
(d) Venture capital funds - US	3	4,257,495	4,989,409	Not redeemable	N/A
	<u>8</u>	<u>\$ 58,554,947</u>	<u>\$ 4,989,409</u>		

- a. This category includes an investment in a hedge fund that pursues multiple strategies to diversify risks and reduce volatility including U.S. equity value and growth opportunities.
- b. This category includes a pooled private fund and a liquid endowment fund which pursue an investment strategy that is balanced and diversified.
- c. This category includes multi asset class strategy funds.
- d. This category includes a venture capital fund that invests primarily in U.S. private companies. Distributions from this fund will be received as the underlying investments of the fund are liquidated.

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**4. Endowments and Net Assets**

The Academy's endowment consists of approximately 50 individual donor restricted endowment funds and 26 board-designated endowment funds for a variety of purposes plus the following where the assets have been designated for endowment: pledges receivable, split interest agreements, and other net assets. The net assets associated with endowment funds including funds designated by the Board of Trustees to function as endowments, are classified and reported based on the existence or absence of donor imposed restrictions.

The Board of Trustees of the Academy has interpreted the "Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act" (UPMIFA) as requiring the preservation of the original gift as of the gift date of the donor-restricted endowment funds absent explicit donor stipulations to the contrary. As a result of this interpretation, the Academy classifies as permanently restricted net assets: (a) the original value of gifts donated to the permanent endowment, (b) the original value of subsequent gifts to the permanent endowment, and (c) accumulations to the permanent endowment made in accordance with the direction of the applicable donor gift instrument at the time the accumulation is added to the fund. The remaining portion of the donor-restricted endowment fund that is not classified in permanently restricted net assets is classified as temporarily restricted net assets until those amounts are appropriated for expenditure by the Academy in a manner consistent with the standard of prudence prescribed by UPMIFA. In accordance with UPMIFA, the Academy considers the following factors in making a determination to appropriate or accumulate endowment funds:

- The duration and preservation of the fund.
- The purposes of the Academy and the donor restricted endowment fund.
- General economic conditions.
- The possible effect of inflation and deflation.
- The expected total return from income and the appreciation of investments.
- Other resources of the Academy.
- The investment policies of the Academy.

Endowment net asset composition by type of fund as of June 30, 2013:

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
<b>Endowment net asset composition by type of fund as of June 30, 2013</b>				
Donor-restricted endowment funds	\$ (34,047)	\$ 36,439,723	\$ 58,980,209	\$ 95,385,885
Board-designated endowment funds	63,987,943	-	-	63,987,943
Total endowment funds	<u>\$ 63,953,896</u>	<u>\$ 36,439,723</u>	<u>\$ 58,980,209</u>	<u>\$ 159,373,828</u>

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Changes in endowment net assets for the year ended June 30, 2013:

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
<b>Endowment net assets at beginning of year</b>	\$ 61,445,529	\$ 28,956,155	\$ 55,756,160	\$ 146,157,844
Investment return				
Investment income	609,112	1,154,256	721	1,764,089
Realized and unrealized gains, net	8,210,069	8,321,537	42,555	16,574,161
Contributions	644,015	3,030,000	3,180,773	6,854,788
Withdrawals/transfers	(6,954,829)	(5,022,225)	-	(11,977,054)
<b>Endowment net assets at end of year</b>	<u>\$ 63,953,896</u>	<u>\$ 36,439,723</u>	<u>\$ 58,980,209</u>	<u>\$ 159,373,828</u>

Endowment net asset composition by type of fund as of June 30, 2012:

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
<b>Endowment net asset composition by type of fund as of June 30, 2012</b>				
Donor-restricted endowment funds	\$ (85,814)	\$ 28,956,155	\$ 55,756,160	\$ 84,626,501
Board-designated endowment funds	61,531,343	-	-	61,531,343
Total endowment funds	<u>\$ 61,445,529</u>	<u>\$ 28,956,155</u>	<u>\$ 55,756,160</u>	<u>\$ 146,157,844</u>

Changes in endowment net assets for the year ended June 30, 2012:

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
<b>Endowment net assets at beginning of year</b>	\$ 77,340,385	\$ 34,430,052	\$ 55,716,842	\$ 167,487,279
Investment return				
Investment income	1,293,609	1,235,692	686	2,529,987
Realized and unrealized gains (losses)	(5,331,976)	(3,341,350)	2,002	(8,671,324)
Contributions	1,185,390	-	36,630	1,222,020
Withdrawals/transfers	(13,041,879)	(3,368,239)	-	(16,410,118)
<b>Endowment net assets at end of year</b>	<u>\$ 61,445,529</u>	<u>\$ 28,956,155</u>	<u>\$ 55,756,160</u>	<u>\$ 146,157,844</u>

**Description of Amounts Classified as Permanently Restricted Net Assets and Temporarily Restricted Net Assets (Endowments Only)**

**Permanently Restricted Net Assets**

The portion of perpetual endowment funds that is required to be retained permanently either by explicit donor stipulation or by California UPMIFA as of June 30, 2013:

Restricted for research support	\$ 21,293,110
Restricted for public program support	19,661,469
Restricted for general operations	<u>18,025,630</u>
Total endowment assets classified as permanently restricted net assets	<u>\$ 58,980,209</u>



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The portion of perpetual endowment funds that is required to be retained permanently either by explicit donor stipulation or by California UPMIFA as of June 30, 2012:

Restricted for research support	\$ 19,258,580
Restricted for public program support	19,639,726
Restricted for general operations	<u>16,857,854</u>
Total endowment assets classified as permanently restricted net assets	<u>\$ 55,756,160</u>

**Temporarily Restricted Net Assets**

The portion of permanent endowment funds not yet appropriated by the Board of Trustees under California UPMIFA as of June 30, 2013:

Restricted for research support	\$ 20,098,344
Restricted for public program support	13,841,379
Restricted for division chair support	<u>2,500,000</u>
Total endowment assets classified as temporarily restricted net assets	<u>\$ 36,439,723</u>

The portion of permanent endowment funds not yet appropriated by the Board of Trustees under California UPMIFA as of June 30, 2012:

Restricted for research support	\$ 21,194,500
Restricted for public program support	5,261,655
Restricted for division chair support	<u>2,500,000</u>
Total endowment assets classified as temporarily restricted net assets	<u>\$ 28,956,155</u>

**Endowment Funds With Deficits**

From time to time, the fair value of assets associated with individual donor-restricted endowment funds may fall below the value of the initial and subsequent donor gift amounts (deficit). When donor endowment deficits exist, they are classified as a reduction of unrestricted net assets. Deficits of this nature reported in unrestricted net assets were \$34,047 and \$85,814 as of June 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively. These deficits resulted from unfavorable market fluctuations that occurred shortly after the investment of newly established endowments. The Academy does not authorize any spending from such funds.

**Return Objectives and Risk Parameters**

The Academy has adopted endowment investment and spending policies that attempt to provide a balance of the immediate need to sustain current operations and the long-term responsibility to preserve the endowment in order to assure the availability of the funds for future operations of the Academy. Under this policy, the return objective for the endowment assets, measured over a full market cycle, shall be to earn an average annual real total return equal to at least 5%. Actual returns in any given year may vary from this amount.

**Endowment Spending Allocation and Relationship of Spending Policy to Investment Objectives**

The Board of Trustees of the Academy determines the method to be used to appropriate endowment funds for expenditure. Calculations are performed for individual endowment funds at a

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rate of 6% of the rolling 3 year average market value on a unitized basis one year subsequent to the calculation. The corresponding calculated spending allocations are distributed in equal quarterly installments on the first day of each quarter from the current net total or accumulated net total investment returns for individual endowment funds. In establishing this policy, the Board of Trustees considered the expected long term rate of return on its endowment.

In fiscal year 2011, the Board of Trustees established a \$6 million reserve fund of previously received unrestricted large contributions to help smooth out the use of those funds. The fund is replenished as additional unrestricted bequests are received. Annually, \$3 million from the unrestricted endowment was set aside for the Academy's operating budget. The Board of Trustees subsequently approved the fiscal year 2011 budget, which designated \$3.5 million use of the fund. For fiscal years 2012 and 2013, the approved budgets included \$2.9 million and \$1 million, respectively from this fund. This fund is listed as the Contributed Investment Fund transfer in the financial statements. It is replenished as additional large unrestricted contributions (mainly bequests) are received.

Temporarily restricted net assets at June 30, 2013 and 2012 are restricted for the following purposes:

	2013	2012
Research	\$ 21,459,463	\$ 20,669,632
Public programs	35,383,638	9,922,782
Plant and New Academy project	7,927,364	11,864,155
General operations	2,551,350	2,551,350
Investments held in trust	1,623,843	1,471,489
	<u>\$ 68,945,658</u>	<u>\$ 46,479,408</u>

**5. Contributions Receivable**

As of June 30, 2013 and 2012, contributions receivable were as follows:

	2013	2012
Contributions receivable before discount	\$ 33,487,341	\$ 12,902,487
Less: Unamortized discount	(535,009)	(213,285)
Less: Allowance for doubtful contributions receivable	(659,047)	(253,784)
Net contributions receivable	<u>\$ 32,293,285</u>	<u>\$ 12,435,418</u>
Amounts due		
Within one year	\$ 6,746,790	\$ 9,981,412
Two to five years	25,590,551	2,921,075
More than five years	1,150,000	-
	<u>\$ 33,487,341</u>	<u>\$ 12,902,487</u>

Discount rates used for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2013 and 2012 ranged from 0.20% to 1.66% and 0.125% to 0.5%, respectively.

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**6. Notes Receivable**

The Academy holds a Promissory Note for \$675,000 from the Music Concourse Capital Partners (the "MCCP"). The note has a fixed interest rate of 6%. Interest payments are to be made on December 27 of each year. The note matures on December 1, 2042. The note receivable including accrued interest at June 30, 2013 and 2012 was \$853,316 and \$805,015, respectively.

The Academy holds a Promissory Note for \$150,000 from an employee for housing support. The note has a fixed interest rate of 3.53%, payable on October 1 of each year. The note matures on October 1, 2020. Per the terms and conditions of this note, 1/10 of the principal is forgiven each October. The note receivable including accrued interest at June 30, 2013 and 2012 was \$123,154 and \$138,558, respectively.

In fiscal year 2012, the Academy received a Promissory Note for \$133,000 from an employee for housing support. The note has a fixed interest rate of 2.72%, payable on April 13 of each year. The note matures on April 13, 2022. The note receivable including accrued interest at June 30, 2013 was \$133,783.

In fiscal year 2013, the Academy received Promissory Notes for a total of \$383,000 for housing support for three employees. The notes have a fixed rate of 2.57%, 2.38%, and 2.28% payable each month. The notes mature May 14, 2023, November 28, 2022, and July 24, 2022, respectively. Per the terms and conditions of these notes, 20% of the principal is to be forgiven on the second anniversary date and 1/10 each year thereafter. The notes receivable balance including accrued interest at June 30, 2013 was \$383,903.

**7. Property and Equipment**

At June 30, 2013 and 2012, the major classes of property and equipment are as follows:

	2013	2012
Land	\$ 760,000	\$ 760,000
Building and improvements	367,057,187	367,008,605
Aquarium	29,345,826	28,975,787
Planetarium	4,862,119	4,816,297
Library and rare books	12,361,147	12,211,319
Furniture, equipment and software	21,080,245	20,720,814
Phone and information technology/infrastructure	6,788,729	7,671,118
Exhibit halls	26,100,707	26,032,155
Construction in progress	-	364,730
	<u>468,355,960</u>	<u>468,560,825</u>
Less: Accumulated depreciation	<u>(79,282,808)</u>	<u>(64,970,029)</u>
	<u>\$ 389,073,152</u>	<u>\$ 403,590,796</u>

Depreciation expense for the years ended June 30, 2013 and 2012 was \$15,758,888 and \$15,920,529, respectively.

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**8. Employees' Retirement Plan**

The Academy has a retirement plan offering individual annuity contracts and a variety of other investment vehicles for all regular staff members who are at least age 21 with one year of service and work 20 or more hours per week. Retirement plan expenses for the years ended June 30, 2013 and 2012 were \$820,702 and \$756,548, respectively.

**9. Bonds Payable**

In July 2008, the Academy issued Series 2008 A-F revenue bonds ("2008 Bonds") through the California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank in the amount of \$281,450,000. The bond proceeds were used to refund previously issued bonds in full, and to fund construction and improvements of the facilities in Golden Gate Park. The 2008 Bonds will mature on September 1, 2038, however, they are subject to mandatory redemption beginning in 2034. Interest rates on the 2008 Bonds are set daily, and ranged from 0.93% to 0.96% and .02% to 0.23% during the years ended June 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively. During the years ended June 30, 2013 and 2012, the Academy incurred bond interest costs and auction related fees of \$2,571,874 and \$2,333,464, respectively. The bonds fall within the level 2 hierarchy of fair value inputs.

The Academy maintains direct purchase agreements and a standby credit facility with commercial banks to provide alternative liquidity to support the repurchase of tendered variable rate bonds in the event they are unable to be remarketed. Financing obtained through the agreements and standby credit facility to fund the repurchase of such bonds would bear interest rates and maturities different from those associated with the original bond issues. In the absence of these arrangements, the Academy is responsible for the repurchase of such bonds. Direct purchase agreements with commercial banks and the standby credit facility related to the specific bond series expire as follow: Series A - January 2, 2014; Series B - July 1, 2014; Series C - July 2, 2018; Series D - July 1, 2014; Series E - July 1, 2016; and Series F - July 1, 2014. The Academy is currently negotiating new agreements with three banks to purchase the 2008 series A-D & F bonds and hold them for a period of five years. Such agreements would eliminate any remarketing and put risk to the Academy for said bond series during the five year period. The Series E bonds will continue to be remarketed daily in public markets and supported by a standby credit facility that expires July 1, 2016.

The Academy capitalized \$3,116,756 in associated issuance costs, to be amortized over the 30 year life of the 2008 bonds. The Academy recognized amortization expense of \$105,774 for each of the years ended June 30, 2013 and 2012.

Tax-exempt bond issues which were issued on or after September 1, 1986 are subject to the arbitrage rebate requirements imposed by Section 148(f) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code (the "IRC"). The arbitrage rebate requirements require that any profit or arbitrage be rebated to the U.S. Government. The rebate amount due to the U.S. Government is equal to the excess of the amount earned on all nonpurpose investments as defined in the IRC purchased with gross proceeds of the bonds over the amount which would have been earned if such nonpurpose investments were invested at a rate equal to the yield on the bonds. The rebate is calculated over a five-year period.

The 2008 Bonds agreements contain certain restrictive covenants, including a covenant requiring the Academy's adjusted Unrestricted Net Asset ("UNA") Ratio to equal at least 70. At June 30, 2013 and 2012, the Academy was in compliance with all such covenants.

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On July 7, 2011, the Academy converted the interest rate on the Series 2008 A Bonds, the Series 2008 B Bonds, the Series 2008 C Bonds, the Series 2008 D Bonds and the Series 2008 F Bonds outstanding in the aggregate principal amounts of \$93,360,000, \$60,010,000, \$44,265,000, \$34,425,000 and \$24,595,000, respectively, from the Daily Interest Rate to the Index Interest Rate. The Series 2008 E Bonds continue to bear interest at the Daily Interest Rate.

**10. City and County of San Francisco Support of Operations**

Section 16.106 of the City Charter states that the City shall provide funds necessary for the maintenance of the Steinhart Aquarium and funds for the maintenance of the Golden Gate Park buildings. During the years ended June 30, 2013 and 2012, the Academy received \$4,008,020 and \$4,029,811, respectively, from the City for this support.

**11. Commitments and Contingencies**

The Academy is involved in various claims and legal actions arising in the ordinary course of its operations. In the opinion of management, the ultimate disposition of all legal matters will not have a material adverse effect on the Academy's financial position or change in net assets.

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**From:** Roland Salvato [rolandsalvato@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 28, 2013 12:02 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors; Kim, Jane; Mar, Eric (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Tang, Katy; Chu, Carmen; Chiu, David; Breed, London; Avalos, John; Cohen, Malia  
**Cc:** Planner Macris; Rahaim, John; Planning Commissioner (Cindy) Wu; Rodney (Planning Commission) Fong; Planning Commissioner (Michael) Antonini; Joslin, Jeff; Planning Commissioner Kathrin MOORE; Planning Commissioner (Hisashi) Sugaya  
**Subject:** Let's Landmark the 'Sam Wo' Building!

Dear Supervisors,

Should we stand by while an illegal demolition proceeds?

The Chinatown 813 Washington building in San Francisco is incredibly beautiful and unique. It was built in 1907 as a fill-in of a thin alley between the two buildings to each side of it. And the deep and precious history of the iconic Sam Wo restaurant in that location is a gem in the San Francisco narrative.

Recently the restaurant was closed due to code violations, then was driven from the building by its landlord (who would not wait for repairs for code compliance to be completed) and the building was sold.

**After the building was sold, contractors immediately entered and began illegally gutting this clearly historic building.** The contractor work has been halted temporarily, but the building does not yet have historic landmark status. Why is it alright that the demolition work was able to proceed without permits?

Committed member of the Community were able to alert the Department of Building Inspection in time. Inspectors arrived on the scene and saved the day, for the time being. They posted a Notice of Violation and the building is under a Stop Work Order from the Department, pending proper approvals.

Now full CEQA review should occur: Sam Wo's is known as the "oldest operating Chinese Restaurant in the US."



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Date: November 15, 2013  
To: Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
CC: Controller's Office Operations Unit  
From: Lovely Lindsley, Fund Accountant  
San Francisco Public Library-Finance Department  
Subject: Grant Budget Revision  
Grant name: PROJ READ TUTOR/STUDENT ENHANCEMENT

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In accordance with Administrative Code Section 10.170-1(F), this memo serves to notify the Board of Supervisors of a Federal or State grant line item budget revision in excess of 15% as originally reflected in FAMIS and submitted in the AAO.

Please note that the State agency requires any change in budget in December 2013. Please see attached grant award letter.

Thank you.

Attachment: E-mail, FAMIS Screen Shots, Award Letter

Original Budget per AAO

FAML6220 V5.1  
LINK TO:

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO--NFAMIS  
GRANT SUMMARY INQUIRY

11/15/2013  
11:52 AM

BALANCE (Y,M,Q,A) : A                    CURR/PRIOR PRD :                    CURRENCY CODE :  
FISCAL MO/YEAR : 05 2014 NOV 2013                    GRANT END DATE: 12/31/2014  
GRANT : LBREAD PROJ READ TUTOR/STUDENT ENHANCEMENT  
GRANT DETAIL : 14SL    FY2013-2014 CAL STATE LIBRARY GRANT  
CHARACTER :  
OBJECT CODE :  
FUND TYPE :  
FUND :  
SUBFUND :

S	SUBOBJ	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET	ACTUAL	PREENC/ENC	BALANCE
	48999	OTHER STATE GRANTS	50,000			-50,000
		REVENUE TOTAL	50,000			-50,000
	04951	OTHER OFFICE SUPPL			1,374	-1,374
	04972	E-RESOURCES-LIBRAR	20,000			20,000
	04999	OTHER MATERIALS &	30,000			30,000
		EXPENDITURE TOTAL	50,000		1,374	48,626
		REVENUE LESS EXPEN			-1,374	-1,374



Adjusted Budget per Grant Award Letter

FAML6220 V5.1  
LINK TO:

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO--NFAMIS  
GRANT SUMMARY INQUIRY

11/18/2013  
9:05 AM

BALANCE (Y,M,Q,A) : A                    CURR/PRIOR PRD :                    CURRENCY CODE :  
FISCAL MO/YEAR    : 05 2014 NOV 2013                    GRANT END DATE: 12/31/2014  
GRANT                : LBREAD PROJ READ TUTOR/STUDENT ENHANCEMENT  
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S	SUBOBJ	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET	ACTUAL	PREENC/ENC	BALANCE
	48999	OTHER STATE GRANTS	40,446			-40,446
		REVENUE TOTAL	40,446			-40,446
	04951	OTHER OFFICE SUPPL			1,374	-1,374
	04971	BOOKS - LIBRARY ON	10,000			10,000
	04974	AUDIO/VIDEO - LIBR	5,000			5,000
	04999	OTHER MATERIALS &	20,446			20,446
	081PR	IS-PURCH-REPRODUCT	5,000			5,000
		EXPENDITURE TOTAL	40,446		1,374	39,072
		REVENUE LESS EXPEN			-1,374	-1,374



November 5, 2013

Luis Herrera, City Librarian  
San Francisco Public Library  
100 Larkin St.  
San Francisco, CA 94102-4733

Dear Mr. Herrera:

I am pleased to enclose a claim form for the remainder of your library's 2013/2014 California Library Literacy Services funding as determined by the California Library Literacy Services (CLLS) funding formula.

This **final payment** of your total allocation for the 2013/14 fiscal year is **\$30,446.00** and is based on:

- A *per capita* amount per adult learner served at your library in 2012/13 that reflects the fact that Adult Literacy Services are the heart of our service, and are the basis for all other literacy services.
- A *match* on local funds raised and expended for adult literacy services at your library in 2012/13 - reflecting a commitment to a continuing State/Local partnership, and to providing an incentive for increased local support for adult literacy.

Earlier this year you received a \$10,000.00 baseline for your literacy program. The baseline reflects the importance of each library having enough funds to provide at least a minimum level of local literacy staffing and service.

Below is a re-cap of your total CLLS funding for the 2013/14 program year:

Baseline Adult Literacy Services:	\$10,000.00 (amount previously claimed)
<b>Final Payment (Per Capita &amp; Match):</b>	<b>\$30,446.00 (amount to be claimed now)</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL FOR 2013/14:</b>	<b>\$40,446.00</b>

Changes in your funding from last year are based on an increase or decrease in the number of adult learners you served, and/or an increase or decrease in the amount of local funds expended on adult literacy last year. These changes are aggregated among all CLLS programs and applied to the total funds provided by the Legislature for the year.

We will initiate the payment process upon receipt of your signed Claim Form (attached). This final payment will be processed after all reporting requirements from the prior fiscal year have been received and all adjustments made and unexpended monies returned.

Please mail the signed claim form to:

California State Library  
Fiscal/Local Assistance  
P.O. Box 942837  
Sacramento, CA 94237-0001

Since electronic signatures are not available on the website at this time a statement acknowledging the accuracy of the revised budget figures has been added to the claim form for your signature to certify its accuracy. No additional signature document will be needed at this time.

In December, you will be asked to revise your literacy budget for fiscal year 2013/14 utilizing the actual total allotment from the State Library as outlined in this award letter. The budget that you submitted with your application earlier this year was based on projections. Your revised budget should reflect updated information and more accurate figures than you had at the time of application.

You will be asked to report electronically after the close of the fiscal year. CLLS staff will provide more details on this process. If you need a copy of your most recent final report and/or application, please contact Andrea Freeland at [andrea.freeland@library.ca.gov](mailto:andrea.freeland@library.ca.gov).

**Please remember that all state funds must be expended or encumbered by June 30, 2014 or must be returned to the State Library.**

Should you have additional questions regarding the new funding and/or reporting process, please contact:

Carla Lehn (916) 653-7743 or [carla.lehn@library.ca.gov](mailto:carla.lehn@library.ca.gov)  
Andrea Freeland (916) 651-3191 or [andrea.freeland@library.ca.gov](mailto:andrea.freeland@library.ca.gov)

Best wishes in implementing your library literacy services.

Respectfully yours,



Gerald Maginnity  
Acting State Librarian of California

cc: Randy Weaver, Literacy Coordinator (via email: [rweaver@sfpl.org](mailto:rweaver@sfpl.org))  
Luis Herrera, City Librarian (via email: [lherrera@sfpl.org](mailto:lherrera@sfpl.org))  
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## Lovely Lindsley

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**From:** Randy Weaver  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 14, 2013 11:43 AM  
**To:** Lovely Lindsley  
**Subject:** RE: Project Read, \$40,446

Yes, that would be just fine.

Thanks, Lovely

--RW

Randall Weaver  
Literacy Program Manager  
Project Read  
San Francisco Public Library  
(415) 557-4388  
[www.projectreads.org](http://www.projectreads.org)  
[www.projectreads.blogspot.com](http://www.projectreads.blogspot.com)  
(tutor support blog)

**From:** Lovely Lindsley  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 14, 2013 11:21 AM  
**To:** Randy Weaver  
**Subject:** RE: Project Read, \$40,446

Hi Randy,

Forgot to ask you-for the \$15,000 materials do you want me to break this down as \$10K for books and \$5K for AV.  
Please kindly confirm.

Thanks.

Lovely

*Lovely Lindsley*

Finance Office  
San Francisco Public Library  
100 Larkin Street, San Francisco, CA 94102  
DL 415-557-4247  
FAX 415-437-4830

**From:** Randy Weaver  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 14, 2013 10:20 AM  
**To:** Lovely Lindsley  
**Subject:** RE: Project Read, \$40,446

Hi Lovely,

Here's the proposed allocation for the \$40,446 from the state:

- \$5,000 – City Repro
  - \$15,000 -- Materials (books & AV)
  - \$20,466 – Operations/Office Supplies (including technology)
- 

- \$40,466

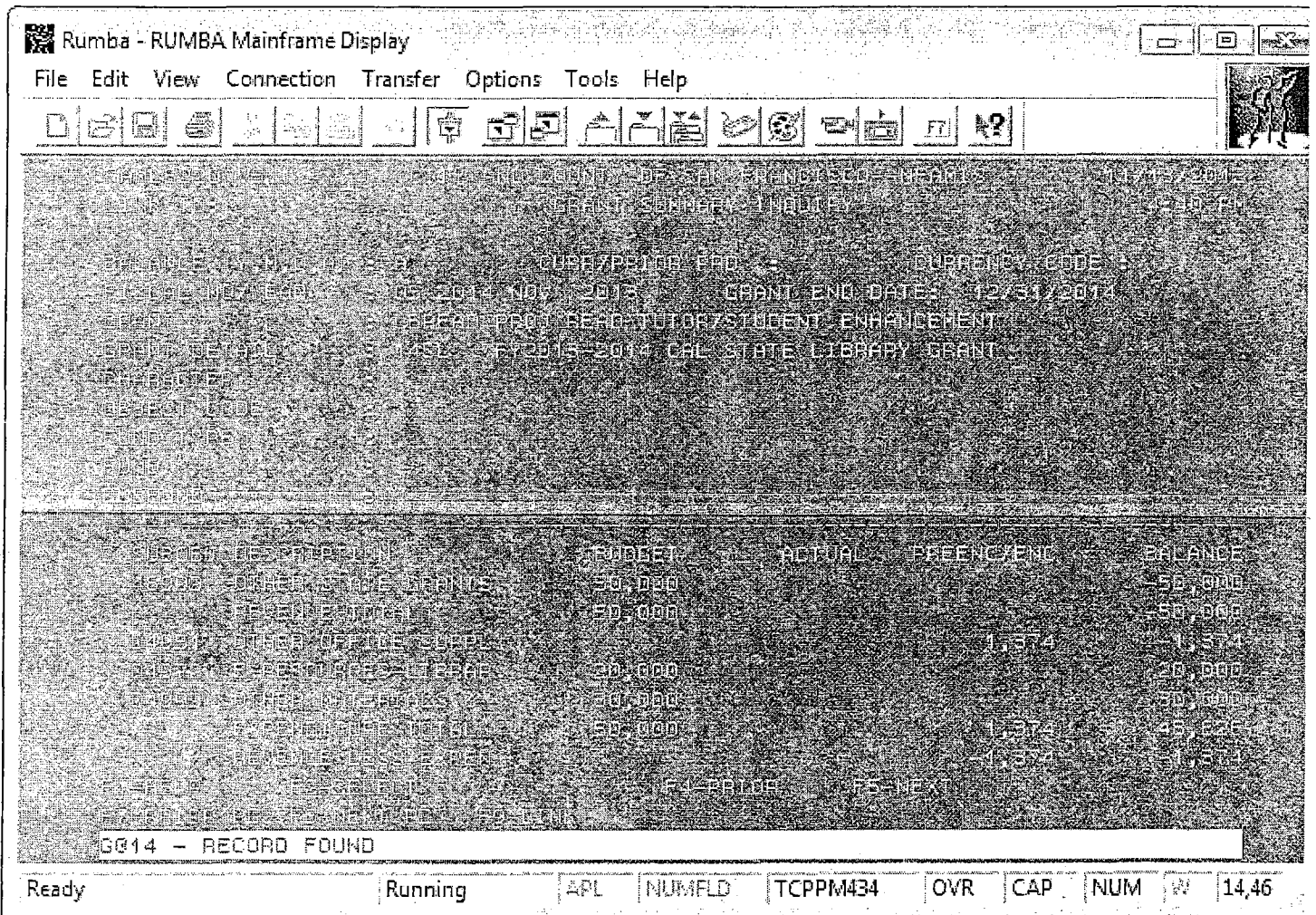
Thanks, Lovely!  
--Randy

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**From:** Lovely Lindsley  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 13, 2013 4:56 PM  
**To:** Randy Weaver  
**Subject:** Project Read, \$40,446

Hi Randy,

Now that we know how much we are getting (\$40,446), I would need to realign what was budgeted in our system. How would the grant monies be spent? Do you have a breakdown of the budget? Please let me know.



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GRANT: DEPT OF SAN FRANCISCO LIBRARY  
GRANT NUMBER: 1100000000

GRANT START DATE: 01/01/2015 GRANT END DATE: 12/31/2014  
GRANT PROJECT: BEAD TUTORIAL STUDENT ENHANCEMENT  
GRANT FUNDING: CAL STATE LIBRARY GRANT

DESCRIPTION	NUMBER	ACTUAL	PENDING	BALANCE
BEAD TUTORIAL STUDENT ENHANCEMENT	50.000			50.000
BEAD TUTORIAL STUDENT ENHANCEMENT	50.000			50.000
BEAD TUTORIAL STUDENT ENHANCEMENT	50.000		1.574	11.574
BEAD TUTORIAL STUDENT ENHANCEMENT	50.000			20.000
BEAD TUTORIAL STUDENT ENHANCEMENT	50.000			20.000
BEAD TUTORIAL STUDENT ENHANCEMENT	50.000		1.574	45.000
BEAD TUTORIAL STUDENT ENHANCEMENT	50.000		1.574	31.574

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Thank you.

Lovely